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Cemetery Commission Seeks Donations

By Anne Kakley

Located off Mendell Road and next door to the Mattapoisett Highway Department, is an example of old New England in the form of a picturesque Yankee cemetery. The Cushing Cemetery, established in 1806, is a peaceful setting with a wide variety of final resting places: hillside tombs, old slate gravemarkers, granite stones, family plots with wrought-iron fences and gravel roads winding through the gently rolling terrain. Some of the markers pre-date 1806, and there are classic examples of old Puritan grave carvings, like urns and weeping willows, on the stones.



Above: This statue resting on top of a Bolles tombstone is just one of the unique sights that makes the Cushing Cemetery a beautiful old New England spot. The private cemetery, which is low on funds, may go into a state of disrepair if it doesn't receive further funding for its upkeep. Donations can be sent to Cushing Cemetery Fund, P.O. Box 747, Mattapoisett, MA. Photo by Anne Kakley.

On the Cover: 'Tis the Season! Clockwise from left to right: Holiday carolers serenaded their neighbors on December 5, 2010 in an event sponsored by the Mattapoisett Historical Society. The Sippican Women's Club decorated their clubhouse to look like a ski-lodge in time for their Holiday House Tour, scheduled for December 11. Prior to the weekend, members from the Marion Garden Club were hard-at-work making wreaths for the Christmas season. On December 4, Mattapoisett enjoyed Santa's visit to their annual tree lighting at Shipyard Park. Photos by Felix Perez, Laura Pedulli and Trini Wanig. More photos on pages 64 & 66.

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The beautiful cemetery is historically significant to Mattapoisett, but according to Cushing Cemetery commission members, maintenance funding is currently critical. The wrought-iron fence surrounding the cemetery is in need of sanding and re-painting. Ongoing maintenance, like grass-mowing, continues to strain the cemetery's finances and more income is needed to keep up with expenses.

"We need more money," said Cushing Cemetery commission president Paul Kelley. "That's it. We just need more money. We are relying on donations because we don't have enough [burials] to pay for the cemetery maintenance."

The cemetery's income has always been three-fold: payment for burials, money generated from an investment account, and private donations. Since there has been an increase in cremations and a decrease in Cushing Cemetery burials, that source of revenue has dwindled, forcing the cemetery commission to use up the investment account on routine maintenance, like grass mowing, which costs \$20,000 annually.

A private cemetery generally generates income with the burial of new "customers", but recent burials have been few and far between at the Cushing Cemetery, with the last burial having occurred in October 2010.

The cemetery was originally a town-owned lot, but, according to commission member Barry Denham, the cemetery changed hands sometime at the beginning of the 20th century when a private corporation, consisting of families with ties to the Cushing Cemetery, took charge of its maintenance. The cemetery receives no town funding for upkeep.

Besides seeking donations, the Cushing Cemetery

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commission is hopeful that families in town, especially those with ancestors buried therein, will consider buying plots in the cemetery. In 1991, the commission paid about \$60,000 to open up another 1.5 acres for additional burial plots, but those plots have gone unused.

If the cemetery runs out of revenue, then it will likely become overgrown, said commission members. "The fence will deteriorate," said Mr. Denham. "There were a few times this summer when people complained that the grass hadn't been mowed [but] we try to space out the grass mowings as much as possible to save on cost." This issue could become even more of a problem in the upcoming season if the commission runs out of money.

Among the names in Cushing Cemetery are those belonging to old Mattapoisett and Old Rochester families, like Bowles, Cannon, Barstow, Hammond and Mendell. Tombstones for the Cushing family plot include Joseph Cushing Senior (1677-1760), Joseph Cushing Junior (1711-1767), Captain Nathaniel Cushing (1779-1841) and Charles Henry Cushing (1812-1836). Revolutionary War veteran Nathaniel Cushing is interred there, along with Civil War veterans, ship captains, magistrates and former Congregational Church ministers. "It's just a cross-section of everyone who lived in town in the early days," said Mr. Denham.

Those involved in the commission have a vested interest in making sure that the cemetery is maintained.

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Rob and Katie Daener, both new members to the Cushing Cemetery commission, are passionate about keeping the cemetery an attractive spot for Mattapoisett. Mr. Daener's mother, Karen Daener, and great-grandmother, Elizabeth Bieringer, are both interred there. Ms. Daener fears the worst if the cemetery becomes overgrown.

"I have seen so many cemeteries that look awful," said Ms. Daener. "A very good family friend is buried in [a poorly kept cemetery]... It's a disgrace and the vandalism is terrible, so sad. They take such good care of Cushing and want to continue to."

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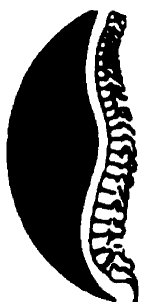


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Bridge Widening Project Underway

By Laura Pedulli

Old Colony Vocational Technical High School students, contractors, engineers, town representatives, Friends of the Mattapoisett Bike Path, the Bike Path Committee and other supporters celebrated the first step of a joint effort to widen a footbridge over the Mattapoisett River last Friday, December 3. The footbridge is part of an old rail trail on the westerly side of Reservation Road, a short distance from the Mattapoisett YMCA.

The bridge-widening project is one phase of a comprehensive plan to establish a 4.5 mile bike and pedestrian route from the Fairhaven waterfront to Depot Street in Mattapoisett.

On a cloudy and brisk day, Old Colony students and staff, Mattapoisett Town Hall personnel, and bike advocates watched as beams, with handrails attached, were hoisted into place. The bridge extension, which will be completed in the spring, will expand the six-foot wide footbridge to 14 feet. The greater width is necessary to meet the standard of a Class A bike path, according to Friends of the Bike Path President Bonne DeSousa.

The total cost of the project is approximately \$35,000, with funding derived from the town of Mattapoisett and the Community Preservation Fund. Other assistance came in the form of \$10,000 in labor from about 20 students from Old Colony, led by carpentry teacher Stuart Norton.

"This has been a great project," said Mr. Norton, noting that contractors working on the project have presented to students basic engineering principles and harnessing instruction. He said in the spring, the students will remove the old bridge that remains in place between the two new guardrails and beams and lay down the



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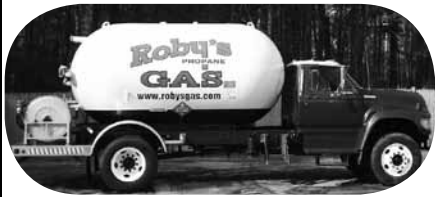


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Steve Miranda, chapter advisor of Skills USA, a non-profit organization that sponsored the work by Old Colony students, said he was thrilled to see the students' work come to fruition. "It's extremely important to get students out into the community and for the community to see what Old Colony students can do," he said.

Old Colony Senior Matt Ferreire expressed satisfaction with his contribution to the project. "It's very exciting. This is the first project I'll be able to use," he said. The students worked on the handrails over the course of one month in the school's carpentry shop, he said.

State Rep. William Straus also present to support the work of the bike path. "This event demonstrates to people in town that the path is real," he said. "The twist is the fabulous work done by Old Colony students, turning this into an educational opportunity, in addition to a recreational one."

Stephen Kelleher, chairman of the Bike Path Committee who is an architect by trade, observed as contractors drilled bolts and leveled nuts to secure the beams. "I'm feeling great. We are making progress. It's a great event for students, who will be able to say that they were the class who built the Mattapoisett River bridge. They surely will talk about it when they are in their 50s," he said. Mr. Kelleher said the next step is to acquire about \$2.1 million in Transportation Incentive Program (TIP) funding to help build a finished path on unpaved sections of

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Rochester Keeps Unified Tax Rate

Rochester Board of Selectmen

By Sarah K. Taylor

A Meeting of the Rochester Board of Selectmen was called to order on Monday, December 6, 2010 at 6:15 pm by Chairman Naida Parker. Also present were Selectmen Richard Nunes and Bradford Morse, Town Administrator Richard LaCamera and Administrative Assistant Veronica Lafreniere.

A motion was made by Chairman Parker to accept the minutes from the November 15 meeting. The



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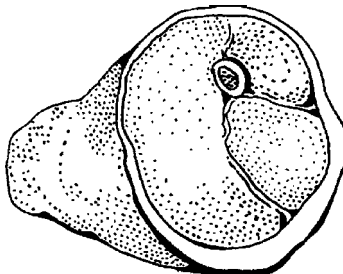
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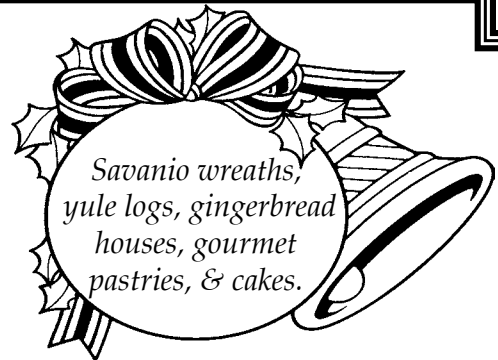
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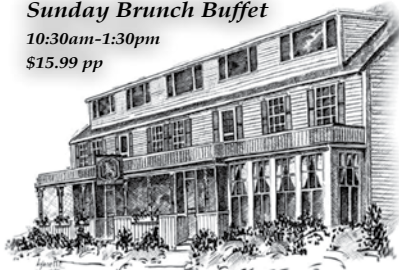
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motion passed unanimously.

The first order of business was the Tax Classification Hearing with the Board of Assessors. Chairman John Mello discussed the Tri-Annual Certification for the Town, saying "we have developed values for Fiscal year 2011," and that these "values are substantially unchanged from last year." Chairman Mello also said that the "information tonight is still pending preliminary and final certification from the Department of Revenue."

The primary purpose of the meeting was to discuss whether to continue with a unified tax rate or switch to a split tax rate. Chairman Mello said that, "it would be [the Board of Assessors] recommendation to continue with a unified tax rate." Selectman Morse motioned to "keep the unified tax rate again this year," and the motion passed unanimously.

It was decided that it would also be a good idea to keep the hearing open for possible changes once the Department of Revenue has had a chance to review the proposed plan. Another motion was then made, also by Selectman Morse, to continue the tax classification hearing, and authorize Mr. LaCamera to close the hearing upon final certification from the Department of Revenue. This motion also passed unanimously.

There being no further need to discuss this topic, the Board of Assessors left and the meeting continued with the Selectmen's Signatures. The renewal of ABCC Licenses for Lloyd's Market, Adrian's Package Store, Plumb Corner Market of Rochester, Matt's Blackboard and the Rochester Golf Club required signatures by the selectmen. Selectman Morse made a motion to accept these licenses, and the rest of the Board voted in agreement.

The Town Administrator's Report was next, with only a brief reminder from Mr. LaCamera about the upcoming meeting with the Finance Committee on December 20 to discuss the budget.

Chairperson Parker then read aloud the dates for other future selectmen meetings; January 3, 10, 24 and 31, 2011, and February 14 and 28, 2011.

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for this meeting. It was decided that the meeting would close early in order to join the festivities outside where the lighting of the tree would soon be taking place. Chairperson Parker motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:30 pm.

Selectmen Review Abatement Requests

Marion Board of Selectmen

By Anne Kakley

A regular meeting of the Marion Board of Selectmen was called to order by Chairman Roger Blanchette on December 7 at 6:30 pm in the Music Hall. Also in attendance were Selectman Stephen Cushing and Town Administrator Paul Dawson. Selectman Jonathan

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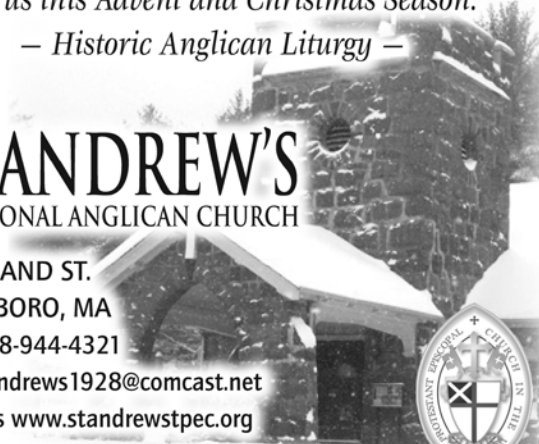
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The Board approved the minutes of the November 16 meeting. With no appointments on the agenda, the Board delved right into their action items.

The Board issued a one-day all-alcohol permit to the VFW post #2425 for the Sippican Seniors party on December 10, 2010.

After reviewing a list of nine bids that the town had received from area contractors for the Fire/EMS roof repair project, the Board expressed surprise over the wide discrepancy among the bids, which had a \$100,000 margin.

"[The bids] are spread all over the place," commented Mr. Dawson, who informed the selectmen that the lowest bid came from WPI Construction of Webster, MA. According to Mr. Dawson, the president of WPI "completely and fully understands the job" and comes with "glowing references" from other municipalities, like the Cambridge and Arlington Housing Authorities. The Board voted to approve the WPI bid in the amount of \$47,000 and further authorized Mr. Dawson to enter a contract with WPI.

The Board then appointed Tina Denham, under a provisional status, to the Marion EMS staff. Ms. Denham is a certified nurse's aide who recently completed EMS training.

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• Received a request for a water abatement from Tom Stenberg of 114 Point Road. Mr. Stenberg had a leak over the summer and was asking for relief from his high water bill. Mr. Dawson said that the water department investigated the leak and did not think it was the town's responsibility since the water was read by the meter and the leak must have occurred within the home or property. The Board therefore denied the abatement request.

• Received a sewer abatement request from Jamey and Laura Shachoy of 1 Water Street for "exceedingly high usage". "They found the drip irrigation system was locked in the 'on' position from June to September," said Mr. Dawson. The sewer portion of the bill ended up being \$8,060.

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"We are certain of the cause [of the leak]," said Mr. Dawson, assuring the Board that the water consumed never actually reached the sewers. The Board granted this sewer abatement request.

- Received a water abatement request from George Jennings of 16 Cove Street. The cause of the high water bill was still a mystery, said Mr. Dawson, but the culprit was likely the irrigation system. Upon recommendation from Mr. Dawson and the water department, the Board denied this water abatement request.

- Received a water abatement request from Dorothy Heath of 28 South Street. In her correspondence, Ms. Heath said that she disagreed with the practice of charging a sewer rate that is based in measured water consumption. The Board also denied her requested abatement.

The Board then signed a water commitment bill in the amount of \$994.05.

Under credit memorandums, the Board issued the following refunds for incorrect readings and billing errors:

- \$2,266.77 to Thomas and Tina Susi of 1 Ridgewood Lane.
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- \$25 to Douglas and Martha Lally of 17 Indian Cove Road.
- \$2,672.60 to Ann Severance of 20 Front Street.

The Board then adjourned at 6:50 pm to prepare for the annual town holiday party in the Music Hall.

Pine Island Subdivision Continued

Mattapoisett Planning Board

By Laura Pedulli

A regular meeting of the Mattapoisett Planning Board was called to order by Chairman Thomas Tucker at 7:00 pm on Monday, December 6. Also present were board members John Mathieu, Ronald Merlo, Robert McNamara and Karen Field, and Assistant to the board Tammy Ferreira.

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As the first order of business, the board entered into an informal discussion with Elizabeth Kunz who requested extensions for two Bay Club subdivision covenants. With little discussion, the board approved the request unanimously.

Mr. Tucker then announced that an application for approval of a definitive plan for the 2 Pine Island Road subdivision project is being continued on December 20 at the request of the applicant Greta Fox.

In other business, Denis Seguin approached the board with an Approval Not Required application for 7 and 9 Locust Street. At the board's request, he presented revised plans that show accurate property lines. The planning board accepted the ANR plan as presented with

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In a second informal discussion, Fransje Zuccherio of 26-R Pine Island Road asked the board how to proceed with selling a property adjacent to her home to Peter DeWalt, who was also present at the meeting. A land easement allowing Mr. DeWalt to have rights to Ms. Zuccherio's property would be required, mainly so he can meet frontage requirements. The board said the individuals either would have to approach the Zoning Board of Appeals for setback relief or process and record an easement request at the town hall.

The board subsequently approved the November 15 minutes with minor modifications.

With nothing left to discuss, the planning board adjourned at 7:23 pm.

Board Considers Zoning Development

Marion Planning Board

By Joan Hartnett-Barry

A regular meeting of the Marion Planning Board was called to order by Thomas Magauran on Monday, December 6 at 7:15 pm in the Marion Town Hall. Also present were board members John Sweeney, Jay Crowley, Joseph Napoli, Sherman Briggs, and Planning Board Secretary Terri Santos.

The first order of business was the announcement that future Marion Planning Board meetings will begin at 7:00 pm starting in January 2011.



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The second item was a presentation by Mr. Magauran on Marion zoning recommendations under consideration, including a new Neighborhood Overlay District (NOD). Mr. Magauran used a flip chart to outline the various categories within the zoning overlay, giving background information and explanations about each item.

"In 1996, a growth management report was created to address areas in Marion that should be targeted for additional density, while keeping the character of the town," said Mr. Magauran. The report looked at four areas, including the intersections of Converse Road and Route 6, Point Rd and Route 6 and the village center. The NOD also specifically addresses the intersection of Route



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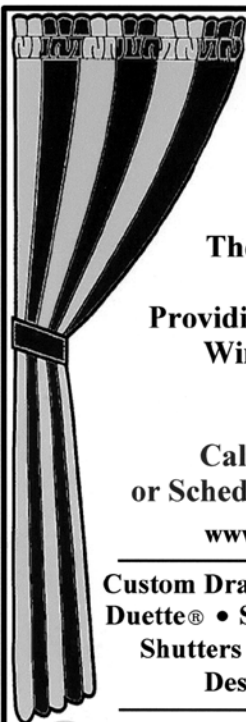
105 and Route 6.

The recommendation were for a minimum lot size, lot frontage, front yard setback, frontage buildout percentage, minimum side and rear setback, maximum building height, maximum lot coverage, residential units permitted, parking permitted amounts, parking design and shared parking provisions. The information was broken into four categories: retail, office, restaurant and residential.

The Town of Marion hired Cornish Associates to look at the Route 6 and Route 105 overlay and recommend zoning suggestions for the town for that area only. Mr. Magauran listed the Cornish Associates recommendations alongside the current zoning bylaws in a handout provided at the meeting. The Cornish reports can be downloaded and viewed by the public by going to the Town of Marion web site: www.MarionMA.gov.

According to Mr. Magauran, the current minimum lot size is 15,000 square feet in the general business zone. "Right now, we are open to anything at this point," said Mr. Magauran. "Mixed-use zoning is not allowed under our current zoning," he added, "so you can't have retail on the first floor and residential on the second floor." The Cornish reports endorsed mixed-use zoning and no minimum lot size. Cornish also recommended a higher maximum lot coverage and an 8-unit per acre density for residential occupancy. Mr. Magauran explained that the Cornish recommendations will hopefully bring about a pedestrian friendly, non-auto focused area, where residential and commercial can be blended together in a neighborhood-type setting.

"We need these new zoning by-laws to help Marion invent the kind of development we want in this town, not a Jiffy Lube set on a 15,000 square-foot lot that creates a sprawl setting," he said. It was also noted in the



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Cornish reports that studies show two-story buildings set close to the street, with almost no setback at all, tend to slow traffic down, especially with areas where pedestrians are seen walking.

"Current zoning consists of single-story buildings, with single use designs, all centered around cars," said Mr. Magauran. "We want to maintain our town character and these recommended zoning bylaws can help us do that," he added.

The Planning Board plans to have a final draft of the new zoning bylaws in time for them to be put on the warrant for a final vote at town meeting in May of 2011.

The minutes of the November 16 meeting were approved. The next meeting will be at 7:15 pm on

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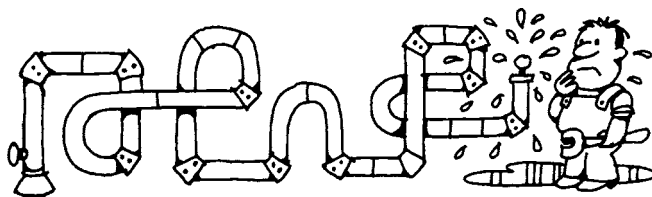
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December 20, 2010. With no more business to come before the board, they adjourned at 8:25 pm.

Addition Nearly Set for January Opening

Rochester School Committee

By Laura Pedulli

A regular meeting of the Rochester School Committee was called to order on December 2 at 6:30 pm by Chairperson Tina Rood. Committee members Sharon Hartley, Robin Rounseville, Donna Laliberte and Tim Scholz also attended.

To open the meeting, 15 Rochester Memorial School fourth-graders sang two songs from their recent production of *Reading, Riting and Rocking*. Calling the show "wonderful," Chairperson Rood commented that, "the play happened seven full weeks before it normally does because of construction."

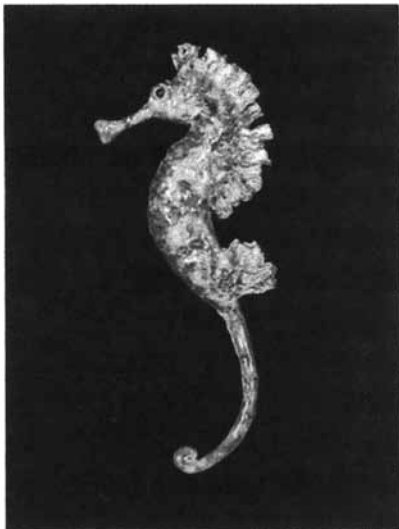
Facilities Manager Mike Meunier provided a progress on construction work at the school. He said that workers are putting the final touches on the new addition. The boilers are up and running, the elevator is functional, and the second-story floors are being waxed, he said. Everything is on target for the January 3, 2011 opening of the expansion. "It is a lot of hard work, but we are going to be on time. We'll make sure the children are ready for school," he said.

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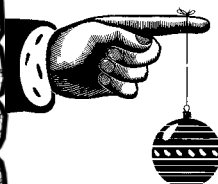
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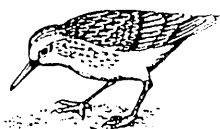
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In the superintendent's report, Mr. White announced that he is looking for school committee volunteers to join a new technology advisory committee. He said such a committee will investigate the technology use from elementary grades through high school. Also, he reported that the school district website has been updated. "We invite you to see the new look. It is changing daily, so come back often," he said.

The November 4 minutes were approved.

In other news, a custodial agreement was reached for the time period of July 1, 2010 to June 30, 2012. The custodial salary schedule is pegged to a two percent annual increase, which matches the agreement for town employees and teachers. The agreement also provides a \$150 clothing allowance for the custodial staff.

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is steps away from completion, Director of Student Services Teresa Hamm said in her report. The "very comprehensive" 41-page plan includes language not only on playground or classroom bullying, but on cyber bullying and preventive educational programs. Mr. White said that the official anti-bullying plan will be presented for approval at the Old Rochester Regional School District Committee on December 8.

"We're ahead of a lot of schools when I think about it... I feel good because there has been a lot of input," Ms. Hamm said.

A discussion then took place regarding financial shortfalls in the food service program. Both Director of Food Services Suzanne Souza and Ms. Isernio spoke up

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on the current state of the program. Ms. Isernio reported that although the latest figures on lunch purchases show a "positive trending", RMS still is estimated to be about \$7,700 in the red by the end of the year. The business administrator recommended against raising the lunch price because the RMS' lunch cost already exceeds the \$2.08 average lunch price in the South Shore Food Collaborative. Also, raising the price would deter students from buying lunch in general, she said.

Looking at ways to address the shortfall, Ms. Isernio instead recommended looking at cutting personnel hours by one hour per day or increasing the a la carte price. Currently, the staff includes four workers, one who works four hours per day and the other three who work seven hours daily. She said cutting each worker's hours by one per day would result in a \$6,193 net savings for the school.

Ms. Hartley suggested that Ms. Souza should be present at the school consistently and believes that the shortfall problem needs immediate attention to prevent other school programs from losing money. "We need to figure out a way to run the cafeteria – not to make a profit, but to come in even," she said. "It is important that our food service manager provides us a service... We need to have serious, consistent and specific service to the town of Rochester," she added. Ms. Laliberte weighed in saying that she feels that Ms. Souza should be present for several consecutive days to get a handle on the issues. The school committee opted to think about the matter further, with Ms. Souza committing to spend more time at the school.

Mr. Scholz then provided a brief building subcommittee report. He said the subcommittee determined that the purchase of a new tractor to perform year-round maintenance could be justified under

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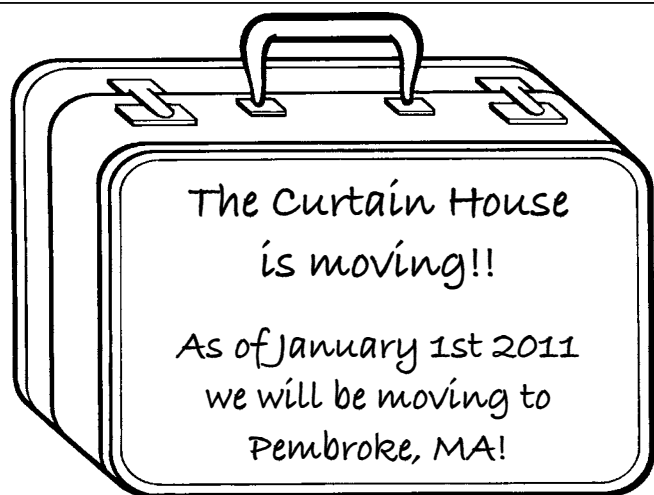
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the school building budget. Overall, he said that the building's renovation and addition project is going well, and that few surprises have occurred so far.

In future business, Ms. Rood said that the next regionalization meeting is scheduled for January 20, 2011. With nothing left on the agenda, the committee adjourned at 7:58 pm.

Center School Music Room to Reopen

By Laura Pedulli

Leaking water shut down Mattapoisett Center School's music room in the summer of 2009, and the doors since have been closed to classes and performances. After nearly 18 months of silence, the music room, known for its high ceilings and large bay window, will soon be available to young musicians once again.

After a delay in mending three separate sections of the school's roof, officials indicate that extensive exterior repairs are underway, which will allow for the full interior restoration of the music room, likely in time for the holidays.

The water that damaged the walls of the music room had penetrated the southern end of the complex, which still has the original 1898 roof, following work done by Agostini Construction on the 2004 addition. The water damage was not discovered until a couple of years ago, according to Mattapoisett School Committee Chairperson Gracinda Knox. She said that, under an



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insurance claim, the school is receiving full remediation from the contractor for the interior water damage, which will allow for the renovation and repair of the walls and ceiling. No lead is in the building, and there is no risk of mold because construction of exterior walls is made from mold-resistant material, she added.

The contractor "has come to the plate" and will remediate all roof damages without legal claims, Ms. Knox also said.

"It took a long time for the contractor to get started," said Town Administrator Michael Gagne, "but doing a classical building is a lot of work." Some of the exterior work entails replacing broken capstones and adding sealant to them, adding flashing, repairing

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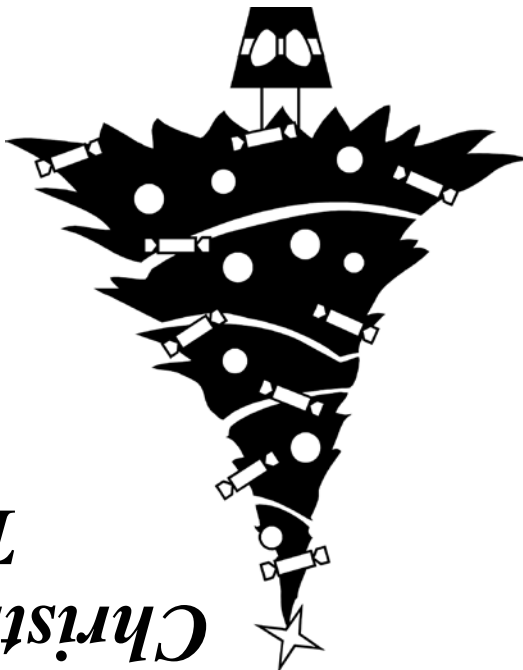
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archwork, replacing the mortar, and repointing the brickwork for two gables. Mr. Gagne credited Ray Andrews of the Building Committee for his work facilitating meetings and investigating the roof issues. "He's doing a fantastic job chasing the details," the town administrator said.

Before interior work could begin on the music room, some roof repairs had to be completed to ensure that no more water enters the building. According to Old Rochester Regional Facilities Director Steve Murphy, on Wednesday, December 1, contractors finished sealing up the old section of roof above the music room, which gave him the green light to begin the interior work. "We've started rapid repairs under my direction. We started last Friday [December 3] and worked all through the weekend. All in all we're using expert restoration that will ensure the original design. It will be a proud showpiece for the town," he said.

In the meantime, approximately 90 percent of the roof repairs are complete but favorable weather is required to complete the job, Ms. Knox said.

Mr. Murphy hopes to give the music room a facelift in time for the holiday season, but said he is unsure if any snags will impede progress. Regardless, the room will be completed no later than the end of January, he said.

"There has been incredible progress in the past four weeks. [The new music room] will bring a lot of



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smiles," he said.

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Marion School Committee

By Joan Hartnett-Barry

A regular meeting of the Marion School Committee was called to order by Chairperson Jane McCarthy on Wednesday, December 1 at 6:30 pm in the Marion Town Hall. Also in attendance were committee members Brad Gordon, Jay Pateakos, Joseph Scott and Christine Winters.

Chairman McCarthy opened the meeting by thanking members of the Bulling and Prevention and Intervention Plan committee for their efforts. Ms.

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McCarthy asked committee members for their input into the Marion School Committee Report that will appear in the annual Marion Town Report.

Superintendent Doug White then notified the committee that he is forming a technology sub-committee to do a "needs analysis" for the district. Mr. White invited members of the community to join the subcommittee, which will assess what the district has now and what will be needed in the future. This fits in with one of the district's major strategic goals. RMS Principal Jay Ryan is also a member of the new subcommittee.

Mr. White reported that he and Peter Bangs, Chairperson of ORR School Committee, have hired consultant David Tobin to provide a financial analysis of the implication of becoming a pre-kindergarten through grade 12 regional school district. Mr. Tobin's work will include research and analysis of the towns' obligations in education and the effect regionalization will have on budgets in the district as well as the towns. Mr. Tobin's services will be paid by funds from a regional planning grant received earlier in the school year. The report will be completed and presented to the Regionalization Committee on January 20, 2011.

In the principal's report, Interim Principal Lyn Rivet said that 48 children were absent the day before Thanksgiving and that over 10 percent of the overall absences at the school were family vacations. There are 462 students at the school. Attendance has dropped from

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98 percent to 97 percent. Total days of absences were 644 as of the day before Thanksgiving. A letter was sent out to parents stressing the importance of school attendance.

Sarah Goerges, Assistant Principal, presented a summary, by grade, of the new "Everyday Math" curriculum used at Sippican School. Ms. Goerges said the math is taught in a "spiral" format, with each lesson including addition, subtraction, division and decimals. Each lesson teaches all four areas, as opposed to teaching addition, then subtraction, then division and perhaps running out of time to cover all of the decimal chapters. The new curriculum exposes the student to all the areas that are required learning. Currently, kindergarten through third grade are using the new math program, while grades 4 to 6 are using it on a pilot program. Feedback from parents and teachers has been positive.

In her report, Director of Food Services Suzanne Souza said that lunch counts are down, but the consensus was that the economy is playing a part in the reduction of meals sold. Ms. Souza said that each lunch consists of five parts: grains, protein, fruit, vegetable and dairy. No ice cream is served, only sorbet, which the students have easily substituted. Whole grains are incorporated in French toast, wraps and pizza dough. "Overall, the transition to an improved lunch menu has been good," Ms. Souza said.

Facilities Manager Steven Murphy said that he is waiting for bids to repair a back-up pump. Mr.

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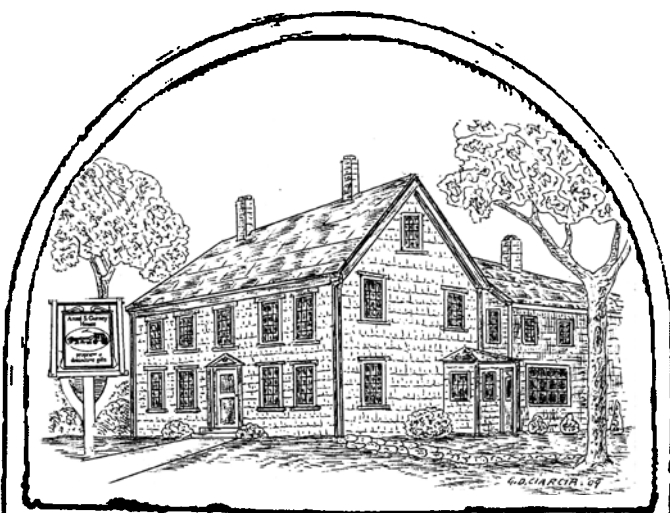
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Murphy said that he has made a list of long-term capital improvements that will keep the building up with technology in its HVAC and energy conservation areas. The list includes both small and larger items that should be looked at as long-term investments to reduce energy costs down the road.

The budget report was discussed and two transfers were approved. Mr. Gordon said that rental income from the school building lease fund is down because a tenant has left. Mr. Gordon would like to advertise that the school is available for outside groups to lease. Business Administrator Katie Isernio agreed to look into ways to attract new lessees.

The draft of the Bullying Prevention and Intervention Plan was discussed, with several parents speaking about their concerns. One parent said that many of the incidents occur on the bus, in the cafeteria and at recess. Director of Student Services Teresa Hamm said that the new plan incorporates training for all those who will be in contact with the students and who can intervene in a bullying situation.

Mr. Pateakos reported on the Southeastern Massachusetts Educational Collaborative (SMEC) meeting held on November 30 and said that three former SMEC students, all with disabilities, spoke about their lives and the success they've had. All three students have jobs, two at a local supermarket and one at a restaurant. All have been at the same job for over ten years and live

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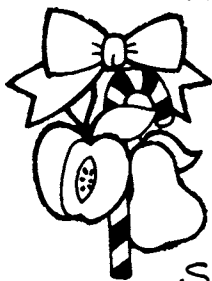
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The SMEC committee is seeking two Rochester residents to serve on the committee. The new chairman is Kim Frink. A pamphlet explaining the SMEC program has been formulated and the district is looking for a printer to produce the booklets free of charge. Mr. Pateakos said that SMEC enrollment is down and students recently had an increase in their health insurance premiums of ten percent.

The minutes of the November 3 meeting and executive session were approved with minor changes. The committee voted to adjourn at 8:38 pm.

School Report

ORR Adopts New Fire Drill Procedure By Anne Smith

Homeroom was extended on Friday, December 2, as Old Rochester Regional (ORR) High School used the extra time for a walkthrough of the new fire drill procedure. The procedure is completely removed from the typical fire drill adjustments that take place every year, so school officials felt that a practice-run within the comfort of the homeroom setting would be necessary prior to a "real" fire drill.

On Thursday morning, homeroom teachers were asked to explain the new procedure to their homerooms. In summary, the new procedure is that students, after

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evacuating the building, will regroup in the school parking lot with their homeroom in assigned locations. This is drastically different from the old practice – dating back to the time most students were in elementary school – in which students evacuate the building but remain with the class that they were attending when the alarm went off.

The chief reason that the procedure was changed was that for the junior and high schools, there was no way to account for the occurrence of a fire alarm going off during lunches or passing. If this ever happened, then the evacuation would be a total mess, as students would have no teacher to report to for attendance.

The fire drill procedure was also changed, in part, because the new procedure will identify missing students and staff members more quickly. As two of my teachers explained, every student has an assigned location with their homeroom teacher, and every teacher who is not tied to a homeroom has an assigned regrouping spot as well. Homeroom teachers are very familiar with their students because they have the same homeroom for four years. As such, they can quickly take their attendance and identify missing students. All missing students – absent or not – are written down on a piece of yellow paper.

Once attendance is taken, the heads of the different departments check with the homeroom teachers and collect the yellow piece of paper. These teachers then bring the list further up the chain, where the names are cross-checked with the school attendance records, to make sure that the names on the paper are those of absent or dismissed students who were not in the building during the evacuation.

The walkthrough was actually much shorter than the usual fire drill – hopefully that is testament to the success of the new procedure. Students have been warned that either this week or next week, there will be a real fire drill to make sure that it truly works. The walkthrough was meant to get students familiar with their spots in the parking lot.

One of my teachers also said that the same system of regrouping in homerooms and taking attendance for cross-checking with the school records will be used in



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As some teachers have warned, students should be dressing warmly every day until the next fire drill occurs, as the weather is getting colder and, in the event of a drill, students must be prepared to stand outside for a while.

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By Laura Pedulli

Boys Varsity Ice Hockey – The boys' ice hockey team had a busy week, playing scrimmages against Westwood High School and Attleboro High School at the Garrett Regan Hockey Summit. Coach Scott Hartley said the team is gearing up for its first official match, scheduled for December 16, which is a home game against Martha Vineyard's Regional High School.

Varsity Girls Basketball – The 2010-2011 season for the varsity girls' basketball team is also about to kick into gear. The team has been practicing and scrimmaging since the Monday after Thanksgiving, according to Coach Bob Hohne. "We're looking to blend the younger players Katie Wilbur and Abby Offringa, into the startling line-up," he said. Other starters include Sarah Coucci, Shanice DaSilva and Kelsey Johnson. Coach Hohne is excited to report that Ms. Johnson is only 15 points shy of scoring 1,000 points during her high school career. The first game for the girls is scheduled for December 14 against Coyle Cassidy.

Varsity Boys Basketball – The boy's basketball team likewise is set to begin its season, with its first game scheduled for December 17 against Bishop Stang High School at ORR. Coach Steve Carvalho has been leading the team through an intense series of practices and scrimmages in anticipation of the new season.

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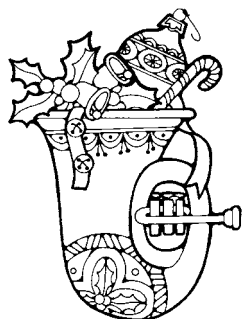
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Tri-County Symphonic Band

The Tri-County Symphonic Band's Annual Children's Christmas Concert is scheduled for Sunday, **December 12** at 1:30 pm at Sippican School, 16 Spring Street, Marion. Celebrate the holidays with a free concert featuring an assortment of festive arrangements, including Leroy Anderson's "Sleigh Ride". The Tri-County Symphonic Band is delighted to bring back the

Sippican School Festival Choir joined by other local school choristers as they lift their voices with the band and invite everyone in on a sing-along. Come enjoy this family-oriented, fun-filled afternoon. For more information, visit www.TriCountySymphonicBand.org.

Tinkhamtown Chapel Caroling

Holiday caroling at Tinkhamtown Chapel in Mattapoisett will be held on Saturday, **December 18** at 5:00 pm. The chapel is located at the end of Acushnet Road near Long Plain Road. Everyone is invited to join in this sing-along celebration of traditional holiday music. The chapel, quaintly lit by oil lamps and heated by a potbelly stove, provides the perfect old-fashioned setting. Any child who attends is invited to join in the children's choir. Proceeds from a free-will offering are used for the upkeep of the chapel. Children and adults who would like to share a favorite prose, song, or instrumental, please call Kate Webb at 508-801-1672 or Nancy Tinkham at 508-758-6249.

Marion Council on Aging

- **Enchanted Village** – Due to popular demand, on **December 13** the Marion Council on Aging will be having a second trip to the Enchanted Village at Jordon's Furniture in Avon. The van will begin picking up passengers at 11:00 am. Please call the office at 508 748-3570 to reserve your spot on the van.

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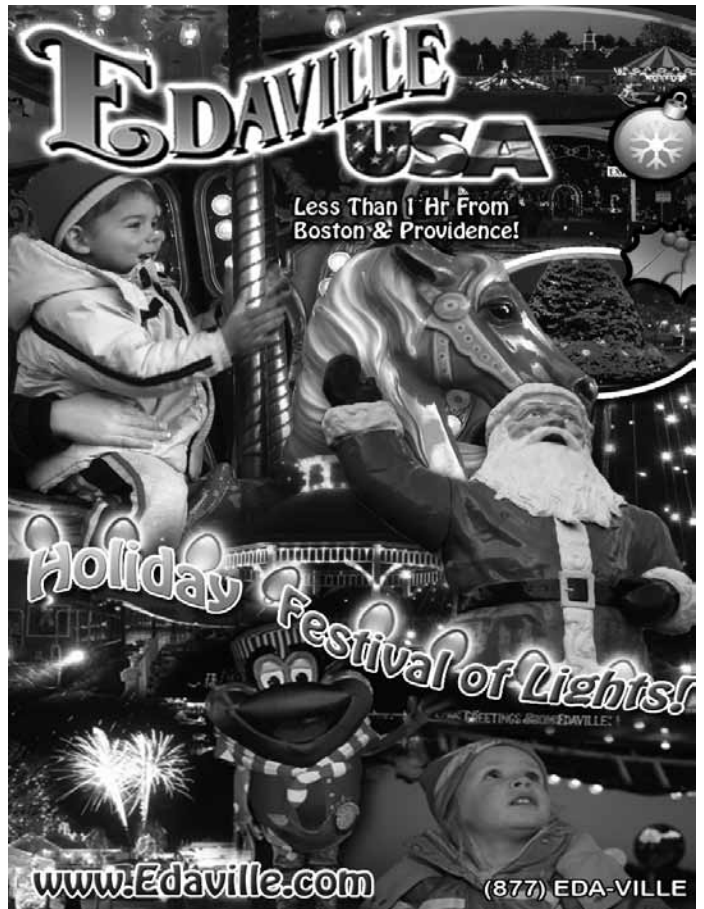
Marion Police Brotherhood will be having a holiday dinner at the Marion Social Club on **December 18**. Doors will open at 11:15 am and dinner will be served at noon. Tickets must be picked up at the Council on Aging office. Please call first to reserve your ticket at 508 748-3570. Transportation can be provided.

Machacam Club

The Machacam Club will hold its next meeting on **January 5** at the Legion Hall, 3 Depot Street. Social time is 5:30 pm, dinner at 6:00 pm.

The Machacam Club is fortunate to have Mattapoisett Town Administrator Michael Gagne as the speaker this month. Mr. Gagne will discuss not only his responsibilities, but various items of interest regarding Mattapoisett. Mr. Gagne will leave sufficient time for questions from the members. This will give all of us the opportunity to get to know him.

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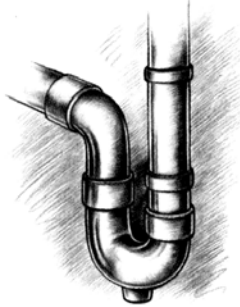
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Sippican Women's Club

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Tri-Town Business Association

The Tri-Town Business Association will hold its monthly meeting on **December 15** at 7:45 am at the Fellowship Hall, located behind the First Congregational Church, 11 Constitution Way in Rochester.

The December meeting will be a holiday social with no speakers and will give members and guests an opportunity to meet, network and socialize in a relaxed, informal setting with other small business owners who live or work in the Tri-Town areas or who do business in the area. Members and guests are asked to bring non-perishable food items with them for donation to The Family Pantry – Damien's Place, a non-denominational non-profit organization that helps provide food for more than 500 hungry families each month in Wareham and Tri-Town areas.

Tri-Town Business Association meetings begin at 8:00 am and end at 9:00 am. Members and guests are invited to join us for coffee and pastries at 7:45 am on Wednesday, December 15.

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• **Night of Fatherly Love** – On **December 12**, the First Congregational Church in Marion will present "The Night of the Father's Love" by Pepper Choplin at the regularly scheduled Sunday morning 10:00 am service. Members of the Harpoon Harmonizers and the Occasion Singers will combine with the Church Choir and soloists Patrice Tiedemann, Paul Soper, Paul Sardinha and Sheila Furtado for the annual Christmas Cantata performance. Altogether, over 60 singers from Weymouth, Westport, Rochester, New Bedford, Marion, Mattapoisett, Wareham, Somerset and Boston and an 18-member professional orchestra will perform the work under the direction of Choir Director Cassandra Morgan.

Before becoming Organist and Choir Director of the First Congregational Church, Cassandra Morgan was Director of Choirs in Belmont, MA for 10 years and in the New Bedford High School for 17 years. She is a recipient of the Lowell Mason Award for Excellence in Music Education and the Distinguished Service Award from the Massachusetts Music Educators Association for more than 25 years of service.

In describing the work, Ms. Morgan said, "All the mystery, the awe, and the palpable excitement of that night are imaginatively captured in Choplin's Christmas musical mosaic. It combines fragments of familiar carols with narration from scriptural passages and personal reflections, all set with an intriguing array of musical styles."

The First Congregational Church is located at the corner of Front and Main Streets in the village of Marion, MA. The Sunday service is at 10:00 am. Coffee hour follows the service. Sunday school, adult and children's choirs, and nursery care are features of the church's program of worship, and pastoral care is offered to all.

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As we approach the holidays, it is a great time to think of others and do what we can to help. Clean out your home or donate a new item. Any help is greatly appreciated. Help make this drive a great success. Any questions, please contact Head Coach Steve Carvalho 508-758-3580.

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Gain a better understanding of global topics affecting America's role in the world as the Mattapoisett Women's Club takes you beyond the headlines with a look at eight of the most significant challenges facing the world today. This will be the Women's Club 35th annual Great Decisions discussion series. The highly acclaimed series offers a fully illustrated book written by independent experts in their field and features maps, historical background, present and future policy options and a unique opportunity to take part in a national opinion poll on U.S. foreign policy.

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Florence Eastman Post 280

The monthly meeting of the American Legion Florence Eastman Post 280 is held on the third Wednesday of each month at the post hall at 3 Depot Street at 7:00 pm. Due to the holiday schedule, the December meeting is **canceled**. The next meeting will be held on **January 19, 2011**. At that meeting we will finalize our plans for the VA Annual Spaghetti Dinner scheduled for March 13, 2011. Happy Holidays and a Merry Christmas to all. See you in the New Year!

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• **Holiday Party** – Mark your calendar for the Annual Holiday Luncheon that is hosted by the Mattapoisett Friends of the Elderly. This free event takes place on Thursday, **December 9** at 12:00 pm. As in previous years, it is being held at the Knights of Columbus Hall on Route 6. Get your free ticket at the Mattapoisett Council on Aging after Thanksgiving. Transportation can also be reserved through the COA. For more information, contact the Council on Aging, 508-758-4110.

Marion Art Center Events

• **Juried Exhibition** – A juried exhibition and sale has been installed in both galleries at the Marion Art Center. On the first floor, there is an assortment of many different styles of jewelry by **Toni Cardoza, Emily Condon, Donna Driscoll, Liz Lavalley** and **Lynn Hahn**. Carved birds by **Mike McCarthy** are complimented by oil paintings of birds by **Angela Fiori**. Other paintings by **Meg Howland, Alice Shire, Sharlie Sudduth, Kimberly Weineck, Veronique Bale** and prints by **Bill Chisholm, Claudin Poyant, Russell Saunders** and **Anne Converse** are hung on the walls in both galleries along with decorative compass roses by Peter Farrell. There are elegant scarves and shawls in hand-dyed silks and wools by Elizabeth

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• **Ice Sculptor Performs – On December 11**, the Marion Art Center will present Timothy B.W. Wade, sculptor, who specializes in Ice, Snow and Sand carvings for special events. Mr. Wade's creation will be in Bicentennial Park beginning at 10:00 am. Also in conjunction with the House Tour on that day, MAC will host Carol LeBeaux, hand-cut silhouette artist, 10:00 am to 5:00 pm in the theater decorated for the Holidays with Cecil Clark Davis memorabilia on display, too. Reservations for these heirloom portraits may be made in advance by calling the Center at 508-748-1266.

Not sure what to give someone for a present? Consider a Marion Art Center membership. It supports the unique, fifty-three year old community center for the arts and helps promote the visual and performing arts in the area through classes, exhibitions, productions and special events like the Halloween Parade. Donations to the Bell Tower Restoration project are also accepted. Gift certificates are available.

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The December schedule for the North Rochester Congregational Church is as follows:

- **December 12** – No Service (Attending Marion Central Congregational Church for a special program at 10:00 am)
- **December 19** – Lessons and Carols – 7:00 pm (no morning service)

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The North Rochester Congregational Church, located at 247 North Avenue, welcomes everyone to worship at 10:00 am every Sunday. The pulpit is filled by members of the congregation or guest speakers. Nancy Sparklin is in charge of the music, and is assisted by Charles Chace. On the second Sunday of the month, following the service, everyone is invited to join together for food and fellowship at a brunch prepared by members of the congregation. The church is handicap-accessible. For more information on special events or changes to the schedule please call Barbara Besse at 508-763-8838.

Rochester Lions Santa Breakfast

On **December 12**, the Rochester Lions Club will host a Breakfast with Santa at the Rochester Senior Center on 67 Dexter Lane from 7:30 to 11:30 am. The event includes a full menu including eggs any style, pancakes, French toast bacon and sausage. Take some pictures with Santa with your camera or ours for a \$5 donation.

Veterans Service Office

The Veterans Service Office would like to offer families of deceased veterans of Mattapoisett two weeks to fly their veteran's burial flag at Shipyard Park. The offer is for two weeks and will start on a Friday and end on a Friday. It will be in a first come, first serve basis.

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Flu Vaccine for Mattapoisett Residents

The flu vaccine is available for Mattapoisett residents six months of age and older. Please call the Public Health Nursing Office at 508-758-4118 to schedule an appointment. A \$5 suggested donation will be encouraged for residents not covered by insurance.

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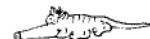
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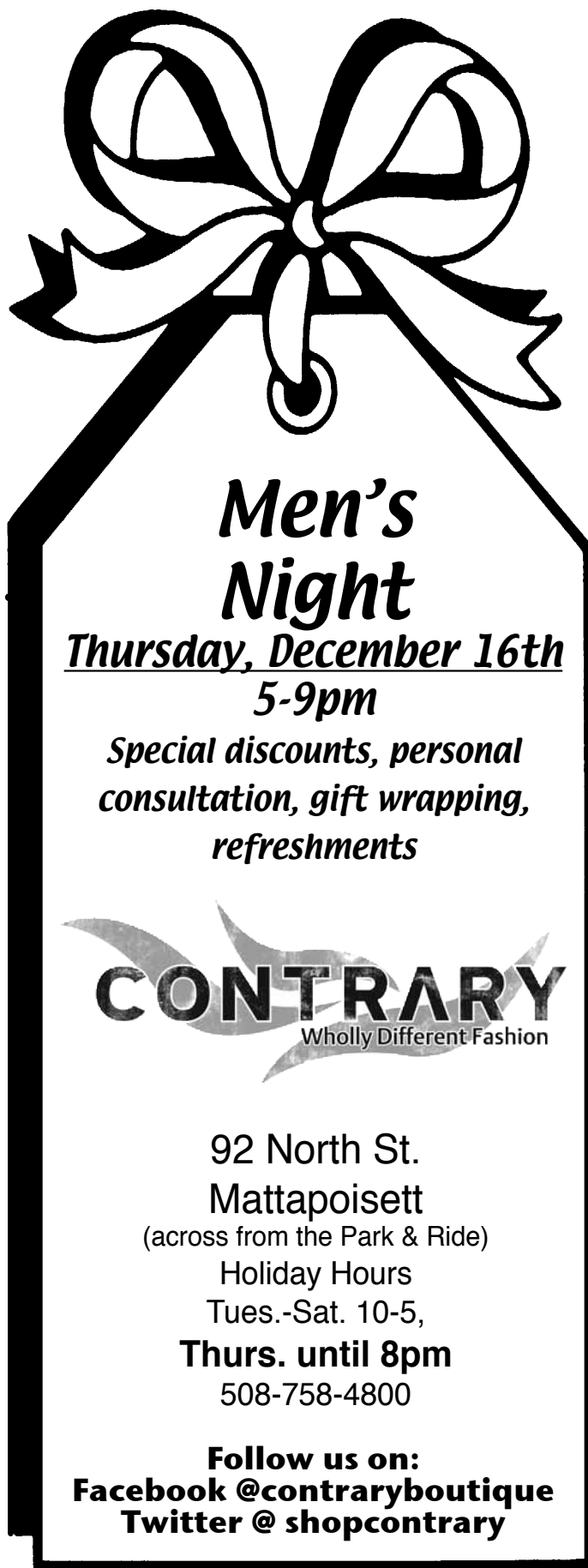
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Home visits for homebound residents may be scheduled by appointment. Please call the Marion Board of Health at 508-748-3530 to schedule a home visit.

Please note: A \$5 suggested donation is encouraged for all residents not covered by insurance. Please wear a short-sleeved shirt to the clinic and remember to bring your insurance card.

Christmas for Our Troops

Cape Cod for the Troops is getting ready for the Christmas Care Package program and needs your help. The goal this year is to send 1,500 Christmas Care Packages to our troops serving in Iraq and Afghanistan. There only have seven weeks to collect supplies and raise about \$35,000. No matter where you live, you can help with the Christmas Care Packages. Have a collection drive for supplies at work, school, church, or organization for supplies. Make a monetary donation. Checks can be made to: Cape Cod Cares for the Troops, 1831 Long Pond Road, Brewster, MA 02631. Write Christmas cards or letters to our troops. Please e-mail CapeCod4theTroops@comcast.net or call 774-216-9052 or 508-896-6424 if you have any questions.

There is a drop box at the MailBox Services, 82 County Road, Mattapoisett for anyone that wishes to drop off a care package locally. Check out the website, CapeCod4theTroops.com, and you will find a list of the items that are needed by the soldiers. If you have any further questions, please contact the Veteran's Office at 508-758-4100, Ext. 212.

Mattapoisett Council on Aging

- Thursday, **December 9**: 9:30 am Public Health Nurse; 9:00 am Bridge; 12:00 pm FOE Holiday Party.
 - Friday, **December 20**: 8:30 am Yoga; 8:30 am Shaws; 10:00 am Cardio Dance Fit; 11:00 am Speaker Healthy Holiday Eating; New York City Motorcoach Trip.
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- **Café Parlez** – In December, "Cafe Parlez Goes to the Movies" will finish the year with Jean Shepherd's

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A Christmas Story. The movie, starring Darren McGavin and Peter Billingsly, was drawn from a series of essays by Shepherd. These essays have been collected into one volume. We will discuss this book and movie on Thursday, **December 29** at 6:30 pm. The list for the 2011 book discussion series is now available.

Mattapoisett Free Public Library

- **Free Films for Children** – The Junior Friends of the Library invite children and their families to see “Frosty the Snowman” and “Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer” on Thursday, **December 23** from 1:00 to 3:30 pm. Admission is free with a suggested donation of a nonperishable item for the local food pantries. Free popcorn and drinks will also be served. Children under 8 years old should be accompanied by an adult. For more information, call the children’s staff at 508-758-4171.

- **New Web Site** – Visit the library’s new web site at www.MattapoisettLibrary.org. Each day new features are added, so keep checking back. The library is also on facebook so watch for daily updates.



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- **Second Cup of Coffee Job Club** – Each Wednesday from 10:00 to 11:30 am, Job Club members

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- **The Lego Club** – This fun activity continues each week in the meeting room from 1:00 to 2:30 pm. Thanks to many donations, the library's Legos are waiting for your imaginative creations! Donations of Legos are still welcome.

- **Chess Club** – Don't miss out on getting into the fun and challenging game of chess. The Chess Club meets on Wednesdays from 6:30 to 7:15 pm. Learn new strategies from an experienced chess coach. Children ages 5 and older are welcome. Bring your own chessboard if you have one.

Elizabeth Taber Library

- **Women Sharing Words** – We welcome all to join Women Sharing Words on **December 17** at 6:30 pm at the Elizabeth Taber Library to share a cup of tea, writing, thoughts, and to consider possibilities for women in the community and at the library. For more information call 508-748-1252.

- **Winter 2011 Children's Programs** – Winter Tales for Twos, for children between the ages of 24 and 39 months, runs from **January 5** through **February 23, 2011**. The half-hour program of stories, fingerplays and crafts will be offered on Wednesday mornings at 10:30.

Children must be two years old by January 1, 2011 to attend and must be accompanied by enthusiastic adult companions. Pre-registration is required.

- **Winter Story Time** for children between the ages of three and five begins **January 3, 2011** and runs through **February 28, 2011**. Children are invited to enjoy stories, fingerplays and crafts on Mondays at 10:30 am. Pre-registration is required. Winter Lapsit Story Time for children up to 23 months old begins Tuesday, **January 4, 2011** and runs through **February 22**. It's never too soon to share the wonderful world of reading with your baby! Pre-registration is required.

- **Holiday Vacation Activities** – Monday through Friday, **December 27** through **31**, are drop-in activity days. Create holiday crafts with instructions and materials available in the Children's Room during regular library hours. Sip hot chocolate and nibble popcorn while you write and decorate thank you notes! Build a beautiful bird feeder to attract birds to your home for a tasty treat! Dance with snowman puppets that you make yourself! Create cute critters that slide and ski! Craft noisemakers to help celebrate the New Year!

- **Create a Dream Catcher** – On Wednesday, **December 29** at 1:00 pm, catch your dreams by crafting a beautiful Native American Dream Catcher. Please register for this program by contacting Rosemary Grey, Children's Librarian, 508-748-1252, rgrey@sailsinc.org or stopping by the library.

More program information can be found on the library's web site at www.ElizabethTaberLibrary.org.

Rochester Green Ways

When driving through Rochester, you may not realize that many of the roadside trees and gardens are the handiwork of the Rochester Green Ways Committee (GWC). You may have seen members of the GWC out digging, weeding or planting in the town center (including Plumb Library), Hartley Road, and the Bradford Lane/Grange areas.

The GWC started because several Rochester residents noted that old pictures showed town roads were once lined with stately elms. When Dutch Elm disease wiped out these trees, nothing was planted in their place. GWC began planting memorial trees along the curve of Rounseville Road at Plumb Corner in the spring of 2001. GWC doesn't have a line in the town's budget; instead, they rely on donations from folks who wish to honor or remember someone special by planting a tree. If you look closely, you will see an engraved brick below each tree. After considerable research, the committee chose ten species of trees to plant, knowing that planting a variety of trees reduces the risk of disease loss.

In addition to planting memorial trees, GWC also plants and maintains the gardens in the town center and at the intersection of Walnut Plain and Marion Road. Last year, GWC planted a wildflower garden on either side of the path that connects Dexter Lane and New Bedford

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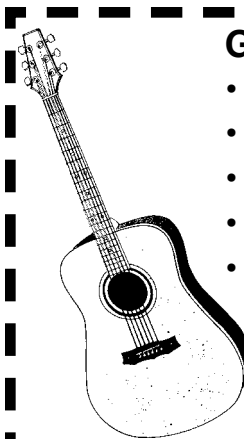
Road. Unfortunately, the spring floods killed those plants, and the town missed this summer's show of color. GWC is planning to replant this garden in the spring of 2011, but they need grants to pay for the plant material. Also, GWC would love to have folks share native wildflower species from their own perennial gardens.

If planting roadside trees or caring for gardens interests you, or if you wish to sponsor a tree or donate money, please contact any of the following members: Doug Ellis, Jim Holden, Rebecca Hutchinson, Laurene Gerrior, Amy Johnson, Bunny Mogilnicki, Stephen Pena, Susan Peterson, Rosemary Smith or David Smith. Or contact Susan Adams at 508-763-3973.

South Coast Community Chorale

The South Coast Community Chorale will celebrate the Christmas season by presenting holiday concerts on **December 12** and **December 19**.

On **December 12**, the Chorale will join the Fall River Symphony Orchestra for their Christmas Pops Concert. The concert will be held at 3:00 pm at the Margaret L. Jackson Arts Center Theatre at Bristol Community College, 777 Elsbree Street, Fall River. The orchestra and chorale will each present a portion of the program, and the two groups will come together to perform several collections of familiar holiday favorites including Robert Shaw's Many Moods of Christmas Suite One and Joyful and Triumphant. The audience will also



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be invited to sing along to a medley of Christmas tunes. Tickets are \$20 for adults and \$5 for children and can be purchased in advance by calling 508-674-8356. Tickets will also be available at the door.

The South Coast Community Chorale will also present its annual holiday concert on **December 19** at 2:00 pm. The concert will be held at Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception, 15 Thomas Street, Fall River. The program will feature Handel's Messiah performed by the chorale, soloists, and orchestra. Other selections will include Ding Dong Merrily on High, Rockin' Around the Christmas Tree, and a musical adaptation of the classic Christmas tale Twas the Night Before Christmas. Tickets for this performance are available in advance for \$10 by

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Obituaries



John "Jack" Roden, 73 of Cloverdale, passed away on Monday, November 22, 2010. He was born in Fall River, MA to James E. and Ellen Mercer Roden. Jack was preceded in death by his parents, an infant daughter, Cheryl A. Roden, his

brother James E. Roden, Jr., his sister Ellen Garant.

Left to cherish his memory is, his wife of 51 years, Shirley Clinton Roden of Cloverdale, VA, his daughters and sons in law, Cynthia and Robert Walsh of W. Greenwich, RI and Pamela and Robert Parks of Bel Air, MD, his son, Charles Roden of Blacksburg, VA, five grandchildren, Emma and Oliver Walsh, Eric and Alison Duddy, Dylan Sim-Roden and two step-grandchildren, Robby and Christopher Parks, his sister, Ruth Lajoie of Swansea, MA and numerous nieces and nephews.

He was a 1954 graduate of B.M.C. Durfee High School in Fall River, MA and a graduate in the class of 1959 of Northeastern University in Boston, MA. His career was in the Rubber and Plastics industry in MA, TX, VA and NC. He retired in 1999 as an Executive Director from Piedmont Plastics Co. in Charlotte, NC.

Jack and his family lived in the Mattapoisett in the 70's. His hobbies included woodworking, gardening and reading. He was a former volunteer transporter for the Rescue Mission and was a volunteer with the CRMH Cardiopulmonary Rehab Dept.

Arrangements were by the Rader Funeral Home. on Friday, Interment will be at a later date in Fall River, MA. Donations may be made to the American Cancer

Society, P.O. Box 2483. Richmond, VA 23218-2483. Online condolences may be left for Jack's family at www.rader-funeralhome.com.

Arlene L. (Young) Booker, 81, died Monday, November 29, 2010, at Sippican Healthcare Center in Marion. She was the wife of the late Harold Booker. Born in Fairhaven, she was the daughter of the late Harry & Loretta (Vieira) Young. She was a homemaker.

Mrs. Booker loved reading and was a member of the World Wildlife Federation.

She is survived by her daughter, Cynthia L. Jeffers of Wareham; her granddaughter, Leya Jeffers of Wareham; her great-grandchildren, Jeremiah Jeffers and Aiden Jeffers, both of Wareham; her sister, Claire Baumgarner of Wareham; and her niece, Sharon Doyon of Mattapoisett.

Donations in her memory may be made to Schwartz Center for Children, 1 Posa Place, Dartmouth, MA 02747.

Arrangements by Chapman, Cole & Gleason Funeral Home, Wareham. For on-line guestbook visit: www.ccgfuneralhome.com

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A stipend is available for facilitators of these groups. If you are interested or would like more information, please contact the Early Childhood Office at 508-748-1863.

Holiday Helpers Wanted

The New Bedford Women's Center is seeking "Holiday Helpers" to help brighten the holidays for women and children who are victims of violence, abuse and trauma. This year, money is in very short supply. Nothing is more heart-wrenching than thinking of a child without a gift for the holidays. Kids don't understand that their family doesn't have the means to

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EDITOR'S PICK OF THE WEEK

Bullying: Old Problem, New Approach

By Joan Hartnett-Barry

Bullying has been around for as long as humankind. Children have always been picking on each other, with one trying to dominate or ridicule another to feel important or impress friends. Feeling safe at school is something every child should experience, but some do not. Being the one bullied can cause misery, fear and isolation – so much for focusing on schoolwork.

With the January 2010 suicide of Phoebe Prince of South Hadley, MA, bullying was put in the spotlight, resulting in the May 2010 passage of the Massachusetts Anti-Bullying Law (S.2323), a zero-tolerance protocol that requires school officials to report bullying cases to local authorities. A review of the Prince case showed that teachers and other adults at the school knew Phoebe was being bullied and did nothing to intervene. Phoebe's mother spoke to the school, but nothing was done to stop the tormenting of her daughter by several students. The teens were later charged with various crimes and are currently awaiting trial.

In the Phoebe Prince case, teachers and adults at the school who witnessed the bullying were not charged with committing a crime. Ms. Prince, an Irish immigrant, hanged herself upon returning from school on January 13, 2010. The incident was splashed all over the radio, television and Internet, with questions raised about the lack of intervention by adults who might have been able to prevent the fatal outcome.

The new law's intent is to train all adults who interact with students to be prepared to intervene in a bullying incident in an appropriate way. School districts across Massachusetts have until December 31, 2010 to create and finalize a Bullying Prevention and Intervention Plan. Last August, the ORR district formed a 25-member intervention committee consisting of school social workers, police officers, school nurses, parents, bus drivers and teachers. The committee worked

to create a plan, which may be voted upon at the district meeting on December 8.

With the input from many people, the plan's draft is impressive and should remediate bullying issues in the district by addressing incidents of aggressive behavior when they are first noticed. The plan also incorporates curriculum and lesson plans to teach students about the harmful practice of bullying.

"I think everyone has been bullied at some time in [his or her] life," said Frank Braga, transportation provider for the ORR school district. "I've driven busses in various places, and feel that it isn't a particular problem here. The students are pretty well behaved overall," he said. "I was a bus driver in an urban area

and it is exponentially different from here," he added.

Mr. Braga said that there are three digital cameras, designed for student monitoring, which can be used on any bus, at any time. "When we want to document something, that's the best way to do it," he said. Bus drivers, depending on the severity of the problem, will handle behavioral issues that come up on a case-by-case basis. "When you are transporting 50 kids and there's an incident, a driver will pull over, address the students and change the seats and isolate the suspected offenders. Later, the

driver will write up the incident and report it," said Mr. Braga. There are a few bus monitors in the district, but they are only used when a student's individual education plan calls for it.

Bullying and cyber-bullying are individually defined in the new ORR plan. While there will always be discipline issues in school which are handled on an individual, usually one time basis, bullying is different in that it is a repeated activity that places the victim in a hostile situation on a daily basis. With the implementation of this new bullying plan, the ORR school district will be trained and ready to help any student who feels unsafe at school.



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There are several ways for youth, community groups and individuals to help, including donating toys and gifts for women and children, volunteering for the Gift Wrap project at the Dartmouth Mall weekends in December, or participating in the "Gather to Give" gift card appeal. Community groups can sponsor a toy drive, collect a few toys for children in shelter, adopt a family, or donate new gifts, games, clothing and gift sets for women and children for the Holiday Shoppe. New, unwrapped items may be dropped off during regular business hours, Monday through Friday, 9:00 am to 4:30 pm at 405 County Street, New Bedford.

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"We would love to see all our homeless cats have homes for Christmas," said Aura Correia, President of Habitat for Cats. "Therefore, we are lowering our adoption fees for all our cats for the month of December."

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HOLIDAY HAPPENINGS



Members of the Marion Garden Club congregated on November 30, 2010 for a wreath-making workshop. The holiday wreaths were decorated and distributed to club supporters. Photos by Trini Wanig.



Rocky Fleurent and Alfred Chaples of the Mattapoissett Highway Department string lights on the Town Christmas tree, located at Ship yard Park.



The Sippican Woman's Club decorated their house as an old-fashioned ski lodge for the annual Holiday House Tour and Tea scheduled for December 11, 2010 at 10:00 am. This year's theme is "Let is Snow". Photo by Laura Pedulli.



Santa, snowmen, reindeer, and even an elf on stilts welcomed holiday revelers during this year's edition of the Mattapoissett Holiday in the Park on Saturday, December 4, 2010. Photos by Felix Perez.

These photos and more are available online at www.wanderer.com

Adoption Day on Saturday, **December 11** from 12:00 to 3:00 pm at 1322 Ashley Boulevard, New Bedford. All cats and kittens are spayed/neutered, inoculated and have tested negative for feline leukemia.

As always, adoptions are available throughout the month, by appointment. Call 508-961-2287 for information or visit www.HabitatforCats.org.

New Bedford Ballet Performs *Nutcracker*

This holiday season join the New Bedford Youth Ballet on a journey back in time to New Bedford in the 1850's... a time when New Bedford was described by Herman Melville as "perhaps the dearest place to live" ...a time when New Bedford's whale oil lit the world. The Youth Ballet will be performing "A New England Nutcracker" **December 11** through **December 19** at the NBB Community Theatre, 2343 Purchase St. in New Bedford.

Set to Tchaikovsky's Nutcracker score, the Youth Ballet will take you to a lush holiday party where Herman Melville is a guest, and Captain Ephraim Williams arrives home from a whaling trip to the delight of his guests. The Captain brings home not only dancing animals from around the globe, but tales of people from distant, exotic lands. After receiving a Nutcracker that her father purchased from a German sailor during his travels, Ephraim's daughter, Mary, drifts off to sleep. The audience will accompany Mary on a magical dream,

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Children created crafts then hit the streets for some old-fashioned Christmas caroling on Sunday, December 5, 2010. The event was sponsored by the Mattapoisett Historical Society. Photos by Felix Perez.



Old Colony students, in addition to representatives from the town and the Friends of the Mattapoisett Bicycle and Recreation Path, celebrated the beginning of a joint effort to widen the footbridge over the Mattapoisett River. On December 3, 2010, beams with guardrails were placed that will help expand the bridge eight feet for better bicycle passage. Photo by Laura Pedulli.



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as she witnesses a battle with the Mouse Queen, sails through a flurry of Snowflakes with her Nutcracker Prince, and finally arrives in the Land of Sweets, where she is entertained by dancers from all the exciting places described by her father. This unique and charming story is guaranteed to leave the audience filled with the warmth of the holiday spirit.

This original adaptation of the traditional Nutcracker ballet was created by Rebecca Waskiel-Marchesseault, director of the New Bedford Ballet, and features choreography by Ms. Waskiel, Ms. Erin Petitjean Allen and Mr. James Brown. The Youth Ballet's production is a unique, shortened ballet, with narration, making it ideal for children of all ages.

Performance dates and times are: Saturday, **December 11** at 6:30 and 8:00 pm; Sunday, **December 12** at 1:30 and 3:00 pm; Friday, **December 17** at 6:30 and 8:00 pm; Saturday, **December 18** at 1:30 and 3:00 pm; and Sunday, **December 19** at 1:30 and 3:00 pm. Ticket prices are \$10 for adults, \$5 for seniors, students and children. Group rates available for non-profit organizations.

All proceeds from the ballet support the New Bedford Ballet Foundation, a non-profit organization. For over 20 years, the Foundation has granted numerous scholarships and given thousands of area school children and seniors the opportunity to witness the splendor and beauty of ballet.

• **Youth Ballet** – As a result of private and corporate contributions to the New Bedford Ballet, the Youth Ballet will also be performing A New England Nutcracker for students from the Schwartz Center for Children and PACE Head Start, and for patients, their families and the staff at Hasbro Children's Hospital and St. Luke's Hospital. What a wonderful way to enjoy the holiday season!

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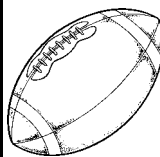
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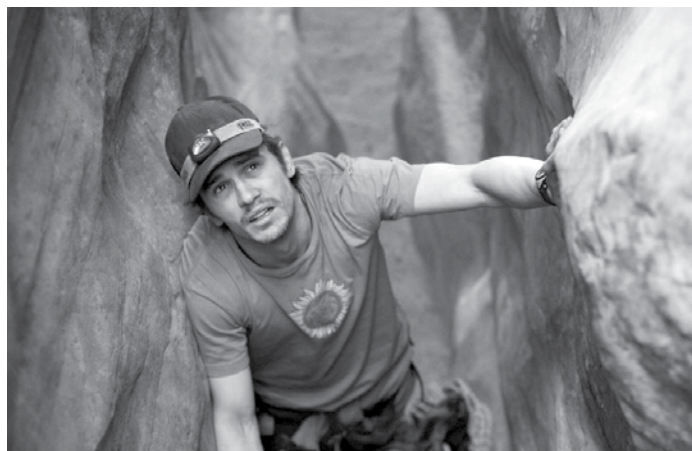
MOVIE REVIEW

A Rock and a Hard Place

By Rob Gonsalves
www.robsmovievault.com

127 Hours. Starring James Franco. Directed by Danny Boyle. Running time: 95 minutes. MPAA rating: R.

127 Hours is an indelible physical experience with a bit of spiritual glop ladled onto it to help the bitter medicine go down. In 2003, mountain climber Aron Ralston (played here by James Franco) fell into a Utah canyon, his right arm pinned by a boulder. There he stayed for about five days, trying everything he could think of with the limited tools he had, until finally he broke the arm and sawed it off with a dull multi-use knife. This is not a spoiler, since Ralston's story was told thousands of times that year, after he made it back to civilization. Ralston is today a husband and father, and he still climbs and hikes alone, though he now takes care to tell people



where he's going.

Aside from a prologue of sorts, with Ralston acting as guide to a couple of lost young hikers (Kate Mara and Amber Tamblyn), and a crazyquilt of hallucinatory flashbacks whose fabric gets denser as the movie approaches climax, it's pretty much a one-man show. Franco brings a heedless, arrogant physicality to the role; Ralston is so familiar with this particular stretch of rocks and crevices he hops across them the way you would negotiate your back yard, instinctually, thoughtlessly. Once Ralston is trapped — about fifteen

minutes into the 95-minute film — the burden is on Franco to keep the tension coiled while avoiding monotony. He doesn't even have a volleyball to talk to, though he spills his guts to his camcorder, at one point fantasizing a talk-show host deriding him for getting into this fix. There's wit and ingenuity in the performance.

For a good while, the same is true of the direction. Danny Boyle's recent films have left me cold — I was one of the few unmoved by his Oscar-winning *Slumdog Millionaire*. But *127 Hours*, which Boyle also wrote (with Simon Beaufoy), captures physical stress at its utmost. The style is jazzy but clean, never obtrusive. The landscape is full of rocks that look soft and round but will crush you. The elements can warm or punish. The cramped geography of Ralston's death-trap is imposing. When Ralston empties his backpack, we see his few supplies, which help keep him going but in the long run are useless. In the end there is only a knife.

All of this is first-rate, but a life lesson sneaks around the margins. Ralston has said a vision of a future son kept him alive, and we see this. We also hear a lot about Ralston's commitment-phobia. He was always, it seems, running away from people into nature's embrace. Finally the dialogue comes right out with it: Ralston and his boulder have been on a collision course all his life. He needed the rock to show him how much he needed people. Really, drinking his own urine to stay hydrated and losing his arm was the best thing that could've happened to him. Ralston currently enjoys a lucrative side career on the corporate-lecture circuit, presumably parlaying his experience into bromides about perseverance and, heh, reaching out.

The movie buys into this. I suppose it's human nature to ascribe deeper spiritual meaning to a horrific event, though Christopher Hitchens' current dignified struggle refutes this. But artists should be more tough-minded. I wouldn't kick so much at the soppy "everything happens for a reason" telegram if the preceding hour or so weren't so harsh and true, expressed in sharp pure cinema. (At one point the filmmaking brings you close to what it might feel like to saw agonizingly through nerves.) *127 Hours* is about three-quarters of a minimalist classic, an epic battle reduced to one body and one rock. But slapping a happy face on the whole ghastly event, as if it happened solely to improve Ralston's character and inspire others to do likewise, is more than a little bizarre.

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Barbara Robinson and directed by Jennifer Palmer of New Bedford, opens on **December 9**. The play runs **December 9** through **11** at 7:30 pm and **December 11** and **12** at 2:30 pm at the YTI Playhouse 136 Rivet Street, New Bedford. The cast includes 26 talented children and adults from New Bedford, Dartmouth, Acushnet and Fairhaven.

The Herdmans were the worst kids in the whole history of the world. They lied, stole and cussed their teachers and smoked cigars... but no one will believe what they did to the Christmas Pageant. The only way to find out is to join us for this holiday hit and see what happens when Charlie Bradley accidentally "invites" the Herdmans to church and they take over the pageant and transform it into a production like none other.

Tickets are \$12 for non-subscribers; \$10 for subscribers and \$8 for children. Reservations can be made by calling the Your Theatre Box Office at 508-993-0772 or emailing ytinc@verizon.net.

Breakfast and Photos with Santa

Bring the kids and your appetite to the Gleason Family YMCA on Saturday, **December 11** from 9:00 to 11:00am! Enjoy a pancake breakfast and have your photo taken with Santa by professional photographer Lauren DeGegorio. Parents are encouraged to bring their own cameras as well. Adults \$8, children \$6 Family \$20. Space is limited so sign-up early. Call to pre-register and for more information at 508-295-9622.

New Bedford Holiday Events

The following City of New Bedford holiday events are scheduled this month:

- The South Central/South First Association Tree Lighting will take place on **December 10** at 6:30 pm at Monte Park on the corner of Russell Street and Acushnet Avenue.

- City of New Bedford's Pictures with Santa is scheduled for **December 11** from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm in the Ashley Room on the first floor of City Hall, 133 William Street.

- The Goulart Square Association Tree Lighting will take place on **December 12** at 6:30 pm at Ashley Park

on the corner of Rivet Street and Bolton Street.

- The Rockdale Avenue Neighborhood Association Tree Lighting is scheduled for **December 15** at 6:30 pm at the Park on the Corner of Court Street and Liberty Street (across from Hathaway School).

- The Bullard Street Neighborhood Association Tree Lighting will take place on **December 18** at 6:00 pm at Riverside Park on the corner of Belleville Avenue and Coffin Avenue.

ORR Holiday Schedule

Friends of Old Rochester Music is pleased to announce the holiday concert schedule for the ORR Junior and Senior High Schools.



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MARION

Log highlights Nov 28-Dec 4

- River Rd – Disturbance
- Converse Rd – Health/welfare
- Route 195 east – DMV
- Old Indian Trl – Paper service
- Wareham Rd – Motor vehicle stop
- Route 195 east – Animal complaint
- Pine Hill Ln – Burglar alarm
- Crapo St – Medical emergency
- Wilson Rd – General service
- Hill St – Parking violation
- County Rd – General service
- Front St – Parking violation
- Delano Rd – Death
- Hermitage Rd – Officer wanted
- Delano Rd – Medical emergency
- Bay Rd – Suspicious motor vehicle
- Tucker Lon – Medical emergency
- Point Rd – Trespassing/arrest
- Holly Rd – Burglar alarm
- Cove Cir – Animal complaint
- Allen's Point Rd – larceny/past
- County Rd – MVA/injury
- Main St – Point Rd – Burglar alarm
- Route 195 east – MVA/injury
- Creek Rd – Disturbance
- South St – Health/welfare
- Front St – Fraud
- Joanne Dr – B&E/past
- Auccot Ave – Fire alarm
- Riverview Ln – Medical emergency

MATTAPOISETT

Log highlights Nov 28-Dec 4

- Acushnet Rd – MV violations
- Sagamore Rd – Medical/assist
- Fairhaven Rd – B & E structure
- Mattapoisett Neck Rd – Health/welfare
- Rockdale Ave – General service
- Oakland St – Suspicious motor vehicle
- North St – Alarm, fire
- County Rd – 209A service
- Martha's Way – Ambulance request
- Park St – Vandalism
- I195 east – MV violations
- Tupula Way – Ambulance request
- Pearl St – Animal control
- County Rd – Officer wanted
- River Rd – Missing person
- Oakland St – MV crash
- North St – MV violations
- Industrial Dr – 209A service
- Cove St – General service
- Sagamore Rd – Ambulance request
- Stacey Cir – Disturbance
- Tara Rd – Medical assist
- Barstow St – Officer wanted
- Fairhaven Rd – MV violations
- Main St – 209A violation
- Marion Rd – Medical/mental health
- Marion Rd – MV crash
- Third St – Vandalism
- County Rd – Assault
- Water St – Parking violation

ROCHESTER

Log highlights Nov 28-Dec 4

- Sarah Sherman Rd – Ambulance request
- Walnut Plain Rd – Fire, other
- North Ave – General services
- Dad's Way – Larceny/forgery/fraud
- North Ave – Animal control
- Mary's Pond Rd – Erratic operation
- County Rd – paper service
- Mattapoisett Rd – Disabled MV
- Bennett Rd – Message delivery
- Dexter Ln – Ambulance request
- North Ave – Fire Alarm
- Quaker Ln – Animal control
- Dexter Ln – Officer wanted
- Cranberry Hwy – Parking complaint
- Paradise Ln – General services
- Braley Hill Rd – Officer wanted
- Walnut Plain Rd – Radar assignment
- Burgess Ave – Domestic disturbance/arrest
- Pine St – Animal control
- Dexter Ln – Assault
- Alley Rd – Restraining order service
- Clapp Rd – Traffic control
- North Ave – General services
- Pine St – warrant arrest
- Stevens Rd – Motor vehicle stop
- Gulf View Ave – Assist other agency
- Featherbed Ln – Domestic disturbance
- Mary's Pond Rd – Disturbance
- Dexter Ln – General service
- North Ave – vandalism



REGIONAL LUNCH MENUS

COASTLINE ELDERLY NUTRITION PROGRAM

Monday December 13: Swedish meatballs, buttered noodles, Scandinavian blend veg, sliced bread, orange arctic ice
 Tuesday December 14: Macaroni & cheese, escalloped tomatoes, whole wheat roll, apricots
 Wednesday December 15: Cream of carrot & celery soup, crumb baked chicken, garlic whip potato, dinner roll, fresh apple
 Thursday December 16: Roast turkey w/gravy, cranberry sauce, mashed potatoes, winter squash, whole wheat bread, holiday jello cake, Diet: Graham Waffle
 Friday December 17: Sloppy Joe, hash browns, chuckwagon corn, hamburger bun, mandarin orange

MATTAPOISETT ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

Monday December 13: Chicken chunks, oven baked fries, vegetable, choice of fruit, choice of milk
 Tuesday December 14: Meatloaf, mashed potato, gravy, vegetable,

choice of fruit choice of milk
 Wednesday December 15: American chop suey, (macaroni, beef, sauce) roll, choice of fruit, choice of milk
 Thursday December 16: Popcorn chicken, flavored rice, vegetable, cranberry sauce, roll, turkey cookie, choice of fruit, choice of milk
 Friday December 17: Sal's pizza, salad, fresh fruit, choice of milk

OLD ROCHESTER REGIONAL JUNIOR & SENIOR HIGH SCHOOLS

Monday December 13: Popcorn bites, mashed potato, gravy, corn, fresh fruit, choice of milk
 Tuesday December 14: French toast sticks, lite sausage patty, warm spiced apples, 100% fruit juice, choice of milk
 Wednesday December 15: American chop suey, vegetable, roll, choice of fruit, choice of milk
 Thursday December 16: Tacos with all the fixings, lettuce, tomato, fresh fruit, choice of milk
 Friday December 17: Sal's wedge pizza, salad, fresh fruit, choice of

milk

ROCHESTER MEMORIAL SCHOOL

Monday December 13: Chicken chunks, oven baked fries, vegetable, choice of fruit, choice of milk
 Tuesday December 14: Meatloaf, mashed potato, gravy, vegetable, choice of fruit choice of milk
 Wednesday December 15: American chop suey, (macaroni, beef, sauce) roll, choice of fruit, choice of milk
 Thursday December 16: Popcorn chicken, flavored rice, vegetable, cranberry sauce, roll, turkey cookie, choice of fruit, choice of milk
 Friday December 17: Sal's pizza, salad, fresh fruit, choice of milk

SIPPICAN SCHOOL, MARION

Monday December 13: Chicken chunks, oven baked fries, vegetable, choice of fruit, choice of milk
 Tuesday December 14: Meatloaf, mashed potato, gravy, vegetable, choice of fruit choice of milk

Wednesday December 15: American chop suey, (macaroni, beef, sauce) roll, choice of fruit, choice of milk
 Thursday December 16: Popcorn chicken, flavored rice, vegetable, cranberry sauce, roll, turkey cookie, choice of fruit, choice of milk
 Friday December 17: Sal's pizza, salad, fresh fruit, choice of milk

OLD COLONY REGIONAL VOKE HIGH SCHOOL

Monday December 13: Hot dog, macaroni & cheese, peas, peaches
 Tuesday December 14: America chop suey, bread, green beans, apple sauce
 Wednesday December 15: Grilled cheese or grilled ham & cheese, fries, soup, carrots, mandarin oranges
 Thursday December 16: New Orleans chicken over rice, broccoli, pears
 Friday December 17: Stuffed crust pizza, salad, fruit

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The Old Rochester Regional High School Music program will present their Holiday Concert on Thursday, **December 9**, at 7:00 pm in the ORR High School auditorium.

The Old Rochester Regional Junior High School Holiday Concert will be held on Thursday, **December 16**, at 7:00 pm in the ORR Jr. High School auditorium.

Gallery "Xmas" Show

The "Xmas" Show for Gallery X is scheduled from **December 1 to December 26**, and includes an annual members' show of artwork for holiday giving.

Gallery X is located at 169 William Street, in the heart of New Bedford's Upper William Street Arts District in the historic 1855 First Universalist Church. Gallery X's hours are: Wednesday through Sunday from 11:00 am to 3:00 pm, and on the second Thursday of every month from 5:00 to 9:00 pm with exhibits and programming as one of the venues for AHA!

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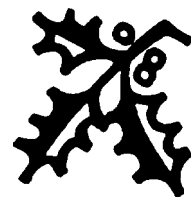
Christmas at Buttonwood Park Zoo

• **Breakfast with Santa** on **December 11** and **December 18** at 9:00 am – Zoo Members: \$13 per person. Non-Members: \$16 per person. Children under 1 are free. Sign up early! Dine on a hot breakfast buffet with Santa and have your picture taken with him. Photo, gift from Santa, train ride and admission to the zoo for the day, is included in program price.

• **Milk and Cookies with Santa**, **December 11, 12, 18** and **19** at 1:00 pm and 3:00 pm; **December 13** and **20** at 12:30



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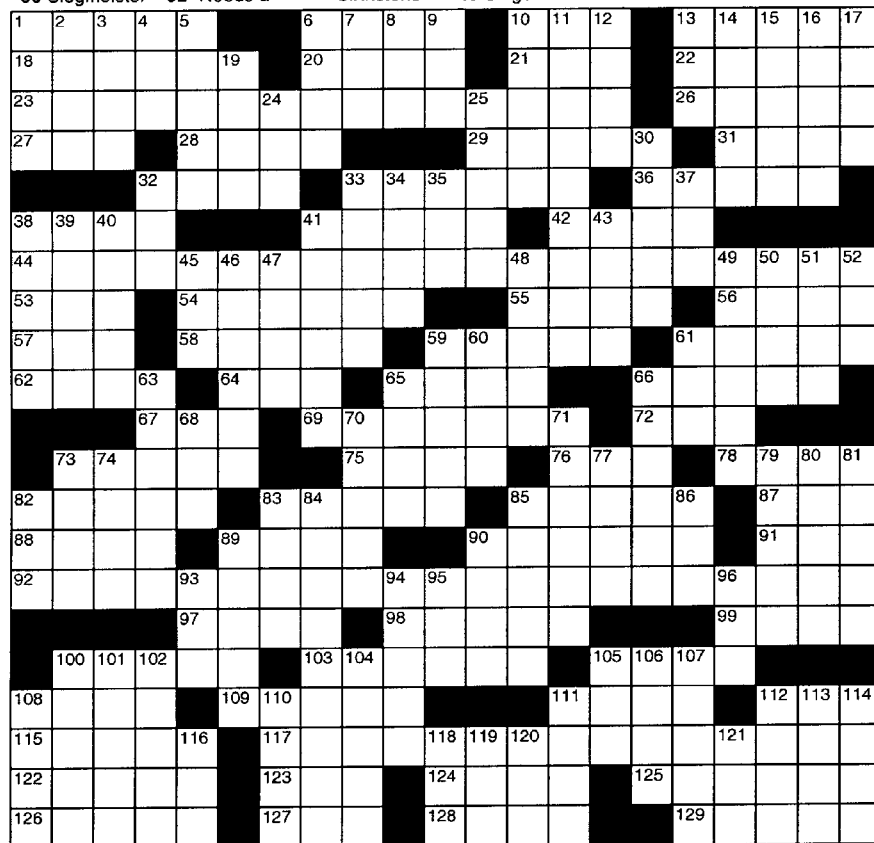
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SALOME'S STARS

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) You might feel that you have all the answers right now. But it might be wise to listen to other ideas before you decide to close the lid on other possibilities.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Bovines give and expect loyalty, so it might not be easy to reconcile with someone you feel let you down. Why not ask a neutral party to set up a clear-the-air meeting?

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Anticipating the holidays with family and friends fuels your must-do Gemini energies. But try to pace yourself so you'll be up for whatever comes along later.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) More background information might come through regarding a decision you expect to make. Be sure to check the source carefully before you move.
LEO (July 23 to August 22) The strong, nurturing nature of the Lion comes through this week as you reach out to family and friends in need of your warm and loving support.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) A relationship that has almost totally unraveled could be close to being restored with more effort on your part to be more patient and less judgmental.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Your sense of fair play is strong this week, which can cause a problem with a longtime relationship. But in the end, you'll know what decision to make.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) You might not know all the facts behind an unwelcome development, so keep that Scorpion temper in check and resist lashing out at anyone.
SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) This is a good time to reinforce relationships -- family, friends, colleagues -- that might have been overlooked in recent years.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Family situations continue to thrive. Business associations also improve. Some holiday plans might have to be shifted a bit. Be flexible.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Avoid any influence of negative energy in this week's aspect by not allowing small problems to grow into large ones. Work them out immediately.
PISCES (February 19 to March 20) A friend might need advice on how to deal with a challenge to his or her moral values. And who better than you to give the honest answer? Good luck.

BORN THIS WEEK: You have a sense of adventure that inspires others to follow your lead.

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pm – Zoo Members: \$6 per person. Non-Members: \$9 per person. Children under 1 are free. Visit with Santa before he makes his annual trip. Enjoy cookies and milk and then pose with Santa for a photo. A small gift and a train ride will be given to each child.

• **Pizza Party with Santa, December 11 and 18 at 5:30 pm** – Zoo Members: \$13 per person. Non-Members: \$16 per person. Children under 1 are free. Party with your favorite holiday characters, including Santa, Frosty and Rudolph! Pizza dinner, train ride and a craft with Mrs. Claus included.

The Buttonwood Park Zoological Society (BPZS), a private, non-profit organization, was founded in 1969 to support the Buttonwood Park Zoo (BPZ) so that the Zoo will be a significant contributor to the conservation of nature both at home and throughout the world.

Buttonwood Park Zoo (BPZ) features over 250 animals and 30 exhibits, including elephants, bison, mountain lions, bears, eagles, seals, otters, and farm animals. BPZ is accredited by the Association of Zoos and Aquariums (AZA) and has been called “one of the finest small zoos in the United States” by that organization.

Please pre-register for all of these events by calling 508-991-4556 or by visiting www.bpzoo.org. The Buttonwood Zoo is open daily, from 10:00 am to 5:00 pm. The Buttonwood Park Zoo is located at 425 Hawthorn Street in New Bedford, MA.

Millicent Library Events

• **Storytimes (Session II)** run through **December 10** at their regular times: Toddler (age 1-3) Tuesdays 10:00 to 11:00 am, Big Kid (age 3-5) Fridays 10:00 to 11:00 am, Baby Storytime Fridays (0-18 month) 11:15 am until noon. There will be a break until January 3, when Session III begins. All storytimes are drop in, no registration required. Downstairs Auditorium.

• **Wednesday, December 15, 3:00 to 5:00 pm.** Special Holiday Crafternoon. Ages 3 and up. Come create holiday crafts, cards and decorations in the downstairs Auditorium. Drop in.

• **Monday, December 27, 2:30 to 3:30 pm:** Kid Yoga with Stephanie. Ages 4 and up. Downstairs Auditorium. Stretch, relax and meditate on the New Year. Sign up with Ms. Jane.

• **Tuesday, December 28, 3:00 to 5:00 pm.** American Girl Holiday Tea. Ages 4 and up. Downstairs. No dolls required; bring one if you like and/or come in costume. We'll read aloud, make a craft, have a tea party, and enjoy some music. Sign up!

• **Wednesday, December 29, 2:00 to 4:00 pm, ages 5 and up.** Legos Construction Club plus Pokemon and Bakugan! Join the fun. Bring your “stuff” and play with the gang. Sign up!

• **Thursday, December 30, from 2:00 to 5:00 pm,** Tween and Teen Hogwarts Party on the eve of New Year's Eve! Grade 4 and up. Come dressed as your favorite Harry Potter character. Refreshments will be served.

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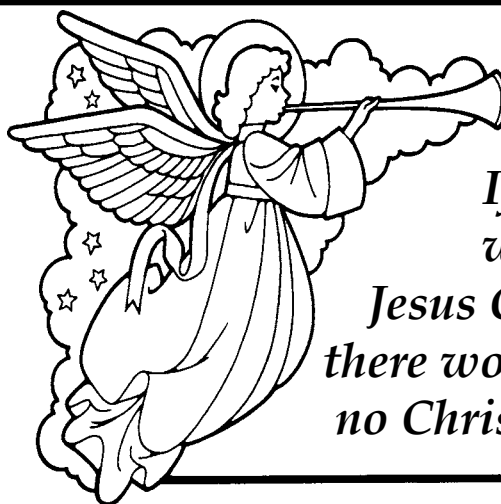
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8:00 AM – New Testament Church of Cedarville
9:00 AM – Music and the Spoken Word
9:30 AM – The First Congregational Church of Rochester
11:00 AM – Physician Focus
11:30 AM – White House Chronicle
Noon – The Register's Report
12:30 PM – The Tri-Town Business Association Show
1:00 PM – Community Nurse and Hospice's - House Calls
2:00 PM – Music and the Spoken Word
2:30 PM – The First Congregational Church of Rochester
4:00 PM – New Testament Church of Cedarville
5:00 PM – Words of Peace
5:30 PM – Veterans Story
6:00 PM – The David Pakman Show
7:00 PM – The Tri-Town Business Association Show
7:30 PM – Physician Focus
8:00 PM – The Sippican Historical Society Presents
9:30 PM – Dartmouth Community Medical School
Midnight – Midnight Movie

Monday Dec. 13, 2010

8:00 AM – Growing Old is Not for Sissies
8:30 AM – Peek-a-Boo Turtle
9:00 AM – The Future of Fishing
11:00 AM – Senior Stretch
11:30 AM – Peek-a-Boo Turtle
Noon – Midday Movie
2:00 PM – Jazzercise
2:30 PM – Senior Stretch
3:00 PM – Words of Peace
3:30 PM – Cape Cod Book Scene
4:00 PM – Earth Focus
4:30 PM – Explore
5:00 PM – Reeling – The Movie Review Show
5:30 PM – Around BCC
6:00 PM – Become Your Own Gym

7:00 PM – Your Daily Gumbo
9:00 PM – White House Chronicle
9:30 PM – Army Newswatch
10:00 PM – Smart Boating
10:30 PM – Life Matters
11:00 PM – The David Pakman Show
Midnight – Midnight Movie

Tuesday Dec. 14, 2010

8:00 AM – Odyssey
9:30 AM – Peek-a-Boo Turtle
9:00 AM – Graceful Aging
9:30 AM – ORCTV's Non Profit Highlights
10:30 AM – The Tri-Town Business Association Show
11:00 AM – Senior Stretch
11:30 AM – Peek-a-Boo Turtle
Noon – Midday Movie
2:00 PM – Jazzercise
2:30 PM – Senior Stretch
3:00 PM – Dartmouth Community Medical School
5:30 PM – Graceful Aging
6:30 PM – The Dr. Is In
7:00 PM – Homefront
7:25 PM – ORCTV's Nonprofit Highlights
8:00 PM – The Future of Fishing
10:00 PM – Community Nurse and Hospice's - House Calls
10:30 PM – Physician Focus
Midnight – Midnite Mausoleum

Wednesday Dec. 15, 2010

8:00 AM – Homefront
8:30 AM – Peek-a-Boo Turtle
9:00 AM – Gardening Rhythms
9:30 AM – The Dr. Is In
10:00 AM – Cooking with Marie
10:30 AM – Living Healthy – with Jackie Bell
11:00 AM – Senior Stretch
11:30 AM – Peek-a-Boo Turtle
Noon – Midday Movie
2:00 PM – Jazzercise
2:30 PM – Senior Stretch
3:00 PM – Sci-Fi Journal
4:00 PM – The David Pakman Show
5:00 PM – Smart Boating
5:30 PM – Go Fish with Dan Kenney
6:00 PM – Become Your Own Gym

8:00 PM – The David Pakman Show
9:00 PM – The Register's Report
9:30 PM – Cape Cod Book Scene
10:00 PM – Future Talk
10:30 PM – Life Matters
11:00 PM – 30 Odd Minutes
11:30 PM – The Marketing of Madness
Midnight – Midnight Movie
1:30 AM – Sci-Fi Journal

Thursday Dec. 16, 2010

8:00 AM – Future Talk
8:30 AM – Peek-a-Boo Turtle
9:00 AM – The Register's Report
10:00 AM – Joe the Water Pro
10:30 AM – Oven Luv'n with Chef Melisa
11:00 AM – Senior Stretch
11:30 AM – Peek-a-Boo Turtle
Noon – Midday Movie
2:00 PM – Jazzercise
2:30 PM – Senior Stretch
4:00 PM – Your Daily Gumbo
6:30 PM – Inside ORCTV
7:00 PM – Reeling – The Movie Review Show
7:30 PM – The Cooking Hour
8:30 PM – The Jazz Room Live
9:00 PM – Penny Dreadful's Shilling Shockers
11:00 PM – Music Hour
Midnight – Penny Dreadful's Shilling Shockers
2:00 AM – Midnight Mausoleum

Friday Dec. 17, 2010

8:00 AM – Second Act
8:30 AM – Peek-a-Boo Turtle
9:00 AM – Gardening Rhythms
9:30 AM – The Fox Robbins Business Show
10:00 AM – Cooking with Marie
10:30 AM – Living Healthy – with Jackie Bell
11:00 AM – Senior Stretch
11:30 AM – Peek-a-Boo Turtle
Noon – Midday Movie
1:30 PM – Cape Cod Book Scene
2:00 PM – Jazzercise
2:30 PM – Senior Stretch
3:00 PM – ORCTV

Community Announcements
5:00 PM – Explore
5:30 PM – Earth Focus
6:00 PM – The Tri-Town Business Association Show
6:30 PM – Living Healthy – with Jackie Bell
7:00 PM – Second Act
7:30 PM – The Fox Robbins Business Show
8:00 PM – Around BCC
8:30 PM – Homefront
9:00 PM – Veterans Story
10:00 PM – Community Nurse and Hospice's - House Calls
11:00 PM – 30 Odd Minutes
11:30 PM – The Steve Katsos Show
Midnight – Friday Night at the Drive-In - Midnight Movies

Saturday Dec. 18, 2009

8:00 AM – Classic Cartoon Festival
10:00 AM – NASA 360
11:30 AM – Oven Luv'n with Chef Melisa
Noon – U-Mass Dartmouth Basketball
2:30 PM – 30 Odd Minutes
4:00 PM – The Future of Fishing
6:00 PM – New England Daycations
6:30 PM – Upper Cape Tech Careers
7:00 PM – Reeling – The Movie Review Show
7:30 PM – The Cooking Hour
8:30 PM – The Jazz Room Live
9:00 PM – Penny Dreadful's Shilling Shockers
11:00 PM – Music Hour
Midnight – Penny Dreadful's Shilling Shockers
2:00 AM – The Dungeon of Dreck

MARION GOVERNMENT

**Comcast Channel 95
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Daily Schedule

8:00 AM – Marion School Committee
11:00 PM – Latest Planning Board Meeting
1:00 PM – Latest Board of Selectmen Meeting
4:00 PM – Marion School Committee
5:00 PM – Latest Planning

Board Meeting
6:30 PM – Latest Board of Selectmen Meeting
9:00 PM – Latest Planning Board Meeting

ROCHESTER GOVERNMENT

**Comcast Channel 95
Verizon Channel 40**

Daily Schedule

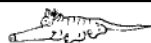
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4:00 PM – Rochester School Committee
6:30 PM – Latest Board of Selectmen Meeting
8:30 PM – Latest Planning Board Meeting

EDUCATION CHANNEL

**Comcast Channel 18
Verizon Channel 37**

Daily Schedule

8:00 AM – Upper Cape Tech Presents – Careers
8:30 AM – ORRHS – The Mr. DeVoll Show
9:00 AM – Tom Bliss Presents – High School All Star Jazz Band
9:30 AM – ORRHS Class Projects
11:00 AM – ORRHS - Battle of the Bands 2010
Noon – ORRHS - 2010 Homecoming Rally
1:00 PM – ORRHS - Meet the Author: Kathleen Brunelle
2:00 PM – ORRHS – The Mr. DeVoll Show
2:30 PM – ORRHS 8th Grade Tours
3:00 PM – ORRHS 2010 Community Open House
4:30 PM – Upper Cape Tech Presents – Careers
5:00 PM – ORRHS - 2010 Homecoming Rally
6:00 PM – ORRHS - Battle of the Bands 2010
7:00 PM – ORRHS – The Mr. DeVoll Show
8:00 PM – ORRHS 8th Grade Tours
8:30 PM – Tom Bliss Presents – High School All Star Jazz Band
10:30 PM – ORRHS 2010 Community Open House



I Found the Aardvark!

Each week, hidden somewhere in the pages of *The Wanderer* is a tiny drawing of an aardvark. The little guy you are looking for looks exactly like the one pictured above (but don't put down this page as your answer, there's another one hidden somewhere in this issue).

Once you find the aardvark you can submit your answer online and if you are right you will get Aardvark Points! You can then use these points to get cool Aardvark Prizes!

Each time you find the Aardvark you will also be entered in our monthly drawing for other cool Aardvark Prizes.

If you would like to enter the monthly drawing by mail, send your name, address and phone number along with the issue date and page number you found him in to: *Wanderer - I Found the Aardvark*, P.O. Box 102, Mattapoisett, MA 02739. Entries by mail will not be eligible for Aardvark Points.

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• **Our Heroes' Tree** – This year, the Millicent Library in Fairhaven has replaced its traditional Christmas tree with Our Heroes' Tree. Friends, relatives or veterans themselves are invited to create a handmade ornament honoring a service member from past and present wars, conflicts or peacetime operations.

Bring the decoration to The Millicent Library where it will be placed on the tree with other commemorative ornaments. You can find templates and ideas for your item at the library and there is also a boxful of art supplies you can use here as well.

Stories about individual service members can also be submitted. Be sure to include the veteran's or service member's name on the ornament. You may want to write a little about the person's service record or even a story about their time in the military.

Our Heroes' Tree is a national program founded to recognize and honor the sacrifices of current service members, veterans, and deceased service members. One of the founders is Stephanie Pickup of Fairhaven. Ms. Pickup is the author of *The Soldier's Tree*, a book for military families experiencing deployment during the holidays.

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Our Heroes' Tree will remain at the Library through Valentine's Day, after which the ornaments will be scanned and uploaded to the Military Family Research Institute's online Virtual Heroes' Tree. They will then be stored in the archives of the Millicent Library. The library is hoping to use this as a jumping off point for a program of oral histories next year. Find out more about Our Heroes' Tree at www.ourheroestree.com or www.mfri.purdue.edu.

The Millicent Library is located at 45 Center Street in Fairhaven and is accessible from both the William / Center Street steps and the Walnut Street elevator entrance. For more information, call 508-992-5342 or visit www.millicentlibrary.org.

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<p>LEGAL NOTICE TOWN OF MARION BOARD OF HEALTH The Marion Board of Health will conduct a public hearing on Tuesday, December 14, 2010 at 4:45 p.m. in the Main Conference Room of the Marion Town House on the variance request submitted by Alan Ewing Engineering, Inc. pertaining to the property located at 657 Mill Street, further identified as Map 26, Lot 26. The following variance to Title 5, Section 15.405 (1) (i) is requested: To allow the depth of groundwater to be 3.0' rather than the required 4.0' Elizabeth Dunn, R.N., Chairman 12/02, 12/09</p> <hr/> <p>LEGAL NOTICE TOWN OF MATTAPOISETT ROAD CLOSURE The owners of Old Wood Road & Harbor Acres Lane, Mattapoisett, Massachusetts will close these roads to public traffic on December 20, 2010. William Mansfield Leona Mansfield, owners 12/09, 12/16</p> <hr/> <p>LEGAL NOTICE TOWN OF ROCHESTER CONSERVATION COMMISSION & TOWN FOREST COMMITTEE A public hearing will be held on Tuesday, December 21, 2010 at 7:00 PM in the Town Hall Conference Room regarding a Notice of Intent filed by Timothy Higgins, Vice President of Edgewood Development Company, LLC, 3 Belcher Street, Plainville, MA 02762. The applicant is proposing construction of a new bituminous concrete manufacturing facility on a 5±-acre site off Kings Highway. Regulated activity is limited to construction of portions of infiltration basins within the 100-foot buffer zone to an irrigation pond and a cranberry bog. The subject property is located at Kings Highway in Rochester, and is designated as Lots #6, 57 & 58 on Assessors' Map #17. The property owner of record is Bayside Agricultural, Inc., 2417 Cranberry Highway, Wareham, MA 02571. This hearing is being held under the Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act, MGL Ch. 131, Section 40 and the Town of Rochester Wetlands Protection By-Law. Rosemary T. Smith, Chairperson 12/09</p>	<p>LEGAL NOTICE TOWN OF MARION CONSERVATION COMMISSION The Marion Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, December 22, 2010 at 7:10 PM in the Town House conference room, 2 Spring Street, on a Notice of Intent submitted by RICHARD ARTHUR to convert the two 16' x 16' bottom-anchored floats at 17 Moorings Road to one pile-supported 14' x 30' float. The site is further identified as Lot 2A on Marion Assessors' Map 20. Plans are available at the Town House for review. Joel D. Hartley, Chairman 12/09/10</p> <hr/> <p style="text-align: center;">Place your classified ads 24 hours a day 7 days a week on-line at www.wanderer.com</p> <hr/> <p style="text-align: center;">Just Like Cats & Dogs by Dave T. Phipps</p> 	<p>Village at Loon Mountain Condo spls 8, 2 baths, Kit, fireplace, pool, gym, gameroom. Free shuttle, Discount lift tickets. Avail Feb 11-18 \$975/wk. Call 508-998-1329</p> <hr/> <p>WANTED TO BUY Old garden tractors and attachments Louie 508-997-0423</p> <hr/> <p>Wanted to Lease - Mooring in Sippican Harbor for 37 foot sailboat, five foot draft, for Summer of 2011. Please reply to 610-670-5366.</p> <hr/> <p>WEST PALM BEACH. TOWNHOUSE FOR RENT 2 bedrooms, 3 bathrooms, enclosed patio, washer/dryer in townhouse. Outdoor bar with water view, 7 Tennis courts, Olympic size swimming pool, basketball court, and 4 racquetball courts, playground and picnic area. Available by the month or weekly intervals (if available). Call 508-997-8644 Thank you.</p> <hr/> <p>WICKED GOOD VACATIONS.COM Boston to Bermuda Cruise on NCL begins in May, 2011. Filling up fast. Southwest Air vacations Disneyworld Deals with free dining package. President's week cruise on the new EPIC. Call for Rates/ Brochures to be mailed to you 508-758-3990</p> <hr/> <p>WILL PICK UP AT YOUR HOUSE: appliances, cast iron tubs, batteries, grills, any kind of iron, wiring, plumbing & car parts, etc. Will take away for free. Call Russell, 1-508-718-8999</p> <hr/> <p>WINDOWS WASHED - GUTTERS CLEANED 508-990-1946 - 508-264-4258</p> <hr/> <p>YARD AND LEAF CLEANUP Call Steven Shaevel Prompt professional service 508-889-1198 power wash decks and vinyl siding</p> <hr/> <p>YOGA and WINE 5-6:30pm Weds Dec 15 and 29 \$23 per class, held in Marion Space limited so pre-registration is required. 508-322-0998</p> <hr/> <p>YOUR HOUSEKEEPER Residential, Cottage, and Office Cleaning Bonded and Insured 508-207-6362 or 508-994-2711</p>

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• **December 10** – On Friday evening, **December 10**, a Christmas Concert is scheduled at the Church of the Good Shepherd, 357 Main Street in North Fairhaven. The concert, featuring local musicians and choir members, will

begin at 7:00 pm.

• **December 11** – A full day of events from morning through late afternoon are scheduled for Saturday, **December 11**, at locations ranging from the historical Henry Huttleston Rogers buildings and churches in the center of town to the Whitfield-Manjiro Friendship House on Cherry Street at Poverty Point.

A pancake breakfast will start things off at Rogers School, 100 Pleasant Street, from 9:00 to 11:00 am. Breakfast items will include pancakes, sausage, coffee and orange juice for \$4 per plate. Until noon there will also be crafts for children to make for a small fee. At the same time a Holiday Scholastic Book Fair will be held. Proceeds from the Rogers School events will benefit the



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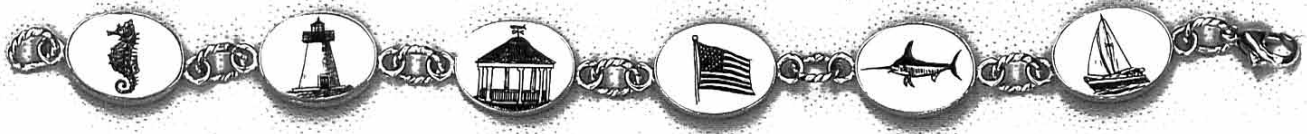
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The Unitarian Church will also hold a soup and sandwich luncheon at its Harrop Center building on Center Street from 11:00 am to 1:30 pm. Hot soup, chowder and a variety of sandwiches will be available. The Town Hall Shops at Town Hall, 40 Center Street, will be the location where local non-profit and church groups will sell crafts, holiday ornaments, baked goods and other items. The Town Hall will be open from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm. Groups selling goods include the Town Bicentennial Committee, Church of the Good Shepherd, Fairhaven Association for Music Education (F.A.M.E.), Boy Scout Troop 52/Cub Pack 52 of St. Mary's Church, Fairhaven, Village Militia, Fairhaven Historical Society, some Fairhaven High School classes and organizations and others. Fairhaven music students from the public schools will be presenting musical performances from 10:00 am to noon.

Admission is free. The Town Hall Shops event is

sponsored by the Fairhaven Office of Tourism. The scouts and F.A.M.E. will offer food and refreshment outside on the Town Hall steps. More activity will be taking place from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm at the First Congregational Church, 34 Center Street, where Ye Olde Brick Church Faire will be held. Crafters will be selling their wares. Vermont cheddar cheese, baked goods, gourmet foods and other items will be sold. There will also be a raffle. A lobster roll luncheon will be served as well, from 11:00 am until 1:00 pm. The whole building is now handicap accessible.

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• **December 12** – On Sunday, **December 12**, a public singing of traditional Christmas carols and hymns will be held at the Trinity Lutheran Church, 16 Temple Place, starting at 1:00 pm. All are welcome to join in the singing. A free will offering benefits the TLC Play and Learn Campus, an after-school ministry. Sunday's activities conclude with a Service of Lessons and Carols at the Unitarian Memorial Church at 4:00 pm. This holiday musical program in the magnificent cathedral-like setting will feature seasonal readings and music performed by the Unitarian Church Choir directed by organist Dwight Thomas. The Old-Time Holiday in Fairhaven is sponsored by the participating non-profit, civic and church groups in town, with promotion coordinated by the Fairhaven Office of Tourism, which first developed the cooperative event in 1998. All of December's events in Fairhaven are shown online at FairhavenEvents.blogspot.com. A handout sheet is also available at the Visitors Center, 43 Center Street, Fairhaven, Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday 8:30 am to 4:30 pm.

• **First Congregational Church Activities** – The First Congregational Church of Fairhaven, 34 Center Street, will be participating in the Old Time Holiday Fair on **December 11** from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm. Crafts, baked goods, cookies, home cooking, Vermont cheddar cheese, chance auction, coffee and much more will be available. The church will have a silent auction for a five-foot solar powered lighthouse, which is a suitable lawn

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• Friday, **December 24** at 7:00 pm, Christmas Eve Candlelight service at Unitarian Memorial Church – All are welcome. For more information visit us at www.uufairhaven.org.

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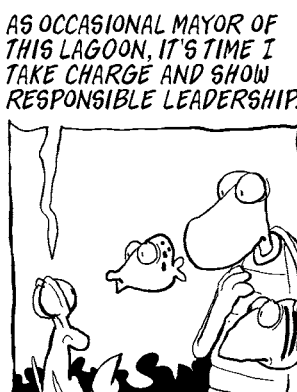
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- **Pilgrim United Church** hosts (634 Purchase Street) children's crafts with Karen Snyder from 6:00 to 7:30 pm and a Holiday Sing-along with John Nicolaci Jr, 7:00 to 8:30 pm.

- **First Unitarian Church** in New Bedford (corner of Union and County Streets) University of Massachusetts Dartmouth Choirs to perform in a Winter Choral Concert, 7:30 pm.

- **New Bedford Whaling National Historical Park Visitor Center** (33 William Street) World premiere of *Get Outside*. The red carpet event begins at 6:00 pm with the video premiere at 6:30 pm. Also, join 1850s ladies for hands-on holiday crafts from 6:00 to 8:00 pm.

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December 10:	Fri.	11:04	11:27	3:46	4:28
December 11:	Sat.	11:49	...	4:32	5:08
December 12:	Sun.	12:13	12:34	5:25	5:55
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December 14:	Tues.	1:46	2:07	7:53	7:49
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December 16:	Thurs.	3:27	3:54	9:57	9:32
December 17:	Fri.	4:20	4:47	10:43	10:17
December 18:	Sat.	5:09	5:36	11:28	11:01
December 19:	Sun.	5:55	6:22	11:59	11:45
December 20:	Mon.	6:40	7:07	...	12:58
December 21:	Tues.	7:25	7:53	12:30	1:42
December 22:	Wed.	8:11	8:40	1:16	2:24
December 23:	Thurs.	8:59	9:30	2:04	3:05
December 24:	Fri.	9:49	10:22	2:53	3:45
December 25:	Sat.	10:41	11:15	3:43	4:27
December 26:	Sun.	11:35	...	4:37	5:13

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	Full Moon	December 21st
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